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BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICANS IN DANGER.

Inflammatory Circulars in Havana.

Americans Preparing for Any Emergency.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 24.—Fears for the safety of the American colony in Havana have been well founded. An alarming telegram received from Havana states that the streets there have been flooded with an anonymous ultra-Spanish circular calling on all the anti-American elements to mobilize and raid the American colony.

Captain General Blanco, fearful that the rabid element of the city might attempt such violence, has increased the already large extra military guard around Consul General Lee's residence. Many Americans in the city, who believe they are in danger, have prepared their affairs for any emergency. This news is what gave rise to the rumor that General Lee had been assassinated.

The feeling of uneasiness felt here because of the proximity of this city has been much allayed, especially since yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, when Admiral Sicard's imposing fleet of battleships reached the bar. The stopping of the warships here is a break in the program of the admiral, whose plans under orders were not to stop. The fleet, however, will leave to-morrow for Tortugas. The Spanish consul here was uneasy over the repeated rumors to the effect that General Lee had fallen a victim to assassins and wired to the authorities of Havana for the truth.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The battleship Maine has been ordered to Havana. It is said at the navy department that no disturbing news has been received, but that this movement is rather in the line of the resumption of free intercourse of our naval vessels in Cuban waters, such as prevailed prior to their withdrawal on account of the outbreak of hostilities.

The first intimation that the members of the senate committee on foreign relations had of orders to the Maine was given in the Associated Press bulletin. They received the information with evident satisfaction. Senator Frye said such action was eminently satisfactory to him. Senator Gary said it was very proper to have warships in Havana for the protection of American interests. Senator Morgan said that Germany had shown the United States the way by sending her warships to Havana, and was evidently badgering this government in the matter.

Senator Foraker was particularly pleased to hear the news. He said he wished the Texas and other vessels of the squadron would be ordered to follow the Maine.

Senator Cullom said: "I am glad to hear it. I hope the Maine will be followed by other vessels." Senator Teller said he would like to see the harbor of Havana filled with American ships.

DEPUTIES IN A FIGHT.

A Very Lively Session of the French Parliament.

Count Treated to Mass Play by Socialists.

Soldiers Finally Called to the Chamber by Timid Official.

Paris, Jan. 24.—During a free fight in the chamber of deputies Saturday, Gerault Richard dealt Mr. De Bernis a violent blow in the eye. A terrific melee followed. Viscount Hughes tried to withstand the socialists' onslaught on the rightists. Mr. Deville threw an ink pot at De Bernis, whom he missed, but the missile struck an usher, and the contents deluged a Conservative deputy, whose face was drenched with blood and ink. Deputy Pajot was seized with an epileptic fit during the disorder and was carried out into the lobby. Mr. De Bernis was extorted by his friends from underneath a mass of socialists who were hammering him. One member of the chamber fainted from loss of blood and excitement. The Mussulman deputy, Grenier, whose turban was torn off during the scrimmage, was seen to be praying aloud with uplifted arms.

After the chamber was cleared 125 torn-off neckties were picked up, together with many coats that had been torn by deputies from each other's shoulders. The scene of the fighting around the tribune was unparalleled. Count De Bernis is a retired cavalry officer and has the rough manners of the bull fighting town of Nimes, where he will be a candidate at the next elections. Mr. Jaures is thick set, florid and hairy. Gerault Richard is mild looking. The latter was hustled and knocked about like a football in his attempt to deal De Bernis a blow. Some 80 deputies were in the fight. Coats were torn to tatters and cravats were seized in the attempts to choke an opponent.

During a lull in the fight Mr. Richard was seen to tatters, his cravat torn off and his shirt front torn open, while his sympathizers were patting him on the back. Suddenly De Bernis bounded up the stairs of the tribune, dealt Mr. Jaures a heavy blow on the back of the head and kicked him on the legs. Jaures was knocked over and stumbled down the steps. Picking himself up, he saw De Bernis making off with a crowd of deputies, while the remainder of the house hooted him, crying, "Coward! traitor." Jaures threw a knotted handkerchief after him. De Bernis seemed paralyzed, and the house cheered Jaures, while a body of socialists made another rush at De Bernis, and the melee was renewed as furious as before.

The president of the chamber, finding it hopeless to restore order, departed, and the military entered at the request. It is said, of a question who feared loss of life if the scene was continued. It seems that De Bernis had provoked the animosity of the socialists at a previous sitting by accusing them of being in the pay of the Dreyfus syndicate. Several of the rightists have asked the socialists to let the matter drop on the ground that De Bernis was not in his usual state. Opinions differ greatly as to the outcome of the affair. Some say the cabinet has gained a great victory; others believe a dissolution of parliament is imminent. Sunday Paris had the appearance of being in a state of siege.

Serious Anti-Jewish Riots.

Algiers, Jan. 24.—Anti-Jewish riots were renewed here Sunday. The mob invaded the Jewish quarter and pillaged the shops, driving the Jewish merchants into the streets. A squadron of chasseurs was ordered to the scene and charged the mob with drawn swords, but the mob reformed further on, cheering for the army.

Revolvers and daggers were freely used. One man who was stabbed in the

back and shot in the head died on the spot; many were seriously stabbed, one named Cayol dying from his wounds. The crowd, hearing of this, became dangerously excited, shouted, "They are murdering us; death to the Jews," and resumed pillaging. The fronts of six shops were destroyed and the loot was burned.

The police repeatedly charged the rioters, but were stubbornly resisted and were powerless to restore order until the troops arrived. Several policemen were severely maltreated. Many arrests for theft have been made. The Jewish authorities recommend the co-religionists to remain indoors. Both the men killed were Christians, and their companions have sworn to avenge them. Disturbances and the looting of Jewish shops continued throughout the evening despite the efforts of the troops to quell the riots. At 10 o'clock Jewish flour stores were pillaged and their contents thrown into the streets. The rioters then charged the crowd with fixed bayonets and dispersed it, many persons being injured. The rioters reassembled on the quays and set fire to the Jewish spirit stores. Troops were hurried to the spot.

World Forces Circulation of Silver.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Elkins has prepared a bill which he thinks will materially improve the financial situation. His bill will provide that no bills under \$5 shall be issued. That would force silver into circulation. It will also provide that the tax on national bank circulation be reduced to one-fourth of 1 percent; that the banks be allowed to issue currency up to the par value of their bonds, and further, that banks may be established with \$25,000 capital.

He takes this step without conferring with any of his associates, but he is confident that it will appeal to the intelligence of every man who is interested in a simple, but thoroughly practical, improvement in our banking system. His plan does not attempt to draw the line between gold and silver, as they are circulating at par today, in spite of all that may be said to the contrary.

Advised to Accept.

London, Jan. 24.—The executive committee of the London engineers has issued a circular advising the men to accept the employers' terms. A ballot of the men has been fixed for Thursday next, and it is probable that work will be resumed on the following Monday.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage was married Saturday in Allegheny, Pa., to Mrs. Eleanor M. Collier. This makes the clergyman's third marriage.

Schaefer beat Ives in the billiard tournament in Chicago by the score of 400 to 378. This ties the men for first and second money. The tie will probably be played off today.

Three masked men robbed three persons and shot F. W. Usher in the neck during a holdup in Usher's store in Lynn, Mass., Saturday night. Usher was shot for closing the door of his safe, thereby securing \$700.

James F. O'Day, a designer at the Crompton loom works in Worcester, Mass., was accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas at his boarding place Saturday night. He has a wife and son residing in Brooklyn.

Russia is about to present a note to Turkey demanding the payment of the whole balance of the indemnity of the Russo-Turkish war, amounting to \$33,000,000, with a view of making the sultan more docile in the settlement of the Cretan question.

The New England Inter-Collegiate Athletic association will meet in Boston, Saturday, Feb. 12, to act upon the request of the Boston college for admission to the league, upon discussion throwing in the events, and upon several amendments to the constitution.

The Canadian government intends to organize a naval force in addition to its military force. It is said that parliament will be asked at the coming session to vote \$50,000 as the nucleus of a naval force, and that this sum will be used towards the establishment of a training ship, where Canadian lads may be trained.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MERCHANTS ALARMED.

Cotton Strike May Ruin Business.

Charges of Conspiracy Against Mill Agents Made In Boston.

New Bedford, Jan. 24.—The second week of the big cotton strike began today, both sides apparently determined to hold out to the bitter end. New Bedford business men appear more anxious regarding the future than either operatives or mills owners, and many small dealers fear that if the strike is protracted they will have to close their stores or do business at a loss.

Fall River, Jan. 24.—There is no change in the strike situation here from last week. There will be a special meeting of the weavers tonight. Important action is expected then.

Boston, Jan. 24.—The center of the interesting scenes in the textile troubles of New England temporarily shifted from New Bedford to this city yesterday, and was contained in the meeting of the executive council of the National Spinners' union. The meeting was called to consider the strike situation in New Bedford, and also the matter of the Fall River mills and other mills in New England where strikes or lockouts are imminent, or have already taken place. The meeting was one of discussion rather than action, although it was resolved to concentrate all the efforts of the organization on the New Bedford situation, leaving the Fall River trouble and the difficulties in other cities for local unions to handle and adjust if possible.

The principal feature of the discussion was the denunciation of the Arkwright club and the charge that the organization of mill treasurers and agents conspired with Agent Chase of the King Philip mill of Fall River to substitute ring for mule spindlers. There seemed to be some difference of opinion as to whether Agent Chase was a willing party to what was called the conspiracy, or had been forced into it by the Arkwright club. It was, however, generally accepted as a fact by the meeting that the attempt to put in the ring frames was merely an entering wedge to put them in every mill in Fall River. The spinners say that the machines do inferior work, and that their introduction in other mills has not been profitable to the mill owners, in mills where the ring frames have been placed no dividends have been paid. An instance was cited of one mill that had been shut down for 10 years simply because there was no

demand for its products after machinery took the place of men.

The New Bedford strike situation was fully discussed, and the general opinion seemed to be that the settlement of the trouble would be a long time in coming. In fact Secretary Ross said that he did not look for its solution until far into the summer, if indeed it came then. The organization there has a strong backing, and it was disclosed that the operatives had anticipated the trouble so far ahead that an assessment of 50 cents a week had been levied and paid for nearly two years. Notwithstanding this fund, the organization in all the mill centers will be assessed to help the New Bedford strikers, and Fall River will contribute as well as others.

The trouble in the Waterville mills was brought to the attention of the committee. A 15 percent reduction in wages was proposed in Waterville by the owners, but a conference was held and a compromise made on 10 percent. A strike is anticipated, for there is much indignation over any reduction in wages whatever. A cut of more than 10 percent will surely result in a strike. If there is one the strikers will be supported by the local union as long as possible. Then the national organization will take a hand.

In an interview at the close of the meeting Robert Howard said in speaking of the substitution of ring spindlers for the mules: "In England wages are relatively higher than they are here in Massachusetts and they turn out better work. Our mills do not take the pains with their cloth manufacture that the Englishmen do; but purchasers in this country have not learned how to judge good cloth as it comes from the mills. They are not so particular as they will be some time, and as they are in England now. We don't care at all if they get rid of our union in Fall River as they seem to want to do. It will mean an improvement in the rest of the union. Why, there are only 700 men in the mills in Fall River now, where there used to be 1300. The more mules they throw out, the wealthier we grow. The per capita value of each member of the union is increased. The contributions to the strike fund have been very generous thus far. As long as assessments are paid our fund is inexhaustible. Then we have funds in the bank which we can fall back upon if necessary at any time. As long as those now at work in the mills are employed they will pay their assessments."

STORM SWEEP NEW ENGLAND.

Sunday Made Dismal by Snow and Rain. Thunder and Lightning.

Boston, Jan. 24.—A storm of considerable severity and attended with rather exceptional phenomena passed over New England Sunday, causing heavy rains in the southern portion, 10 to 12 inches of snow in Maine and New Hampshire, thunder and lightning in the extreme northeast, and practically a tidal wave on the coast from Cape Cod to Portland.

While the heavy snows in Maine caused some delay in railroad transportation, and the severe rains in the south were responsible for numerous washouts, the most destructive feature of the storm seems to have been in the tremendous tide which swept in from the sea at noon inundating a greater portion of the coast and causing a heavy loss to owners of property along the water front and at the beaches. At Gloucester the tide, according to some records, was the highest since the memorable storm of 1861, and caused an estimated loss to property of over \$10,000. Cellars were flooded, and as the owners of stores which suffered were absent scarcely any goods were saved from the water. Fortunately the easterly wind subsided before noon, for if it had increased a tide of tremendous proportions would undoubtedly have caused far greater damage, not only in Gloucester, but to the cottages on Cape Ann. At Hull and along Nantasket beach the tide swept up far above the usual mark, carrying away a number of small houses on the beach, wrecking verandas of large dwellings and causing a loss to the cottages of some hundreds of dollars.

What destruction would have been wrought if a northeast gale had been howling along the coast at the time can only be conjectured, but would probably have made the day as memorable as that of April, 1851, when Minot's light was carried away. Other localities along shore also reported losses from the tide of more or less extent. Several theories have been advanced as to this phenomena of the storm, for while the disturbance caused severe gales in some portions within a radius of 50 miles of this city, exceptionally heavy winds were not reported and certainly not on the coast. The position of the moon undoubtedly had much to do with the great height of the tide, but an easterly blow some distance out at sea, caused by the storm, probably had swelled the tidal wave to something far beyond what has been seen here for many years.

Reports from Maine and New Hampshire show that the storm was severe throughout that region. More snow fell in some places in Maine than has been seen all winter, and trains from the north and east into Portland were all more or less delayed. Another peculiar feature of the storm was the electric phenomena at Eastport and St. John. For half an hour it thundered and lightened like an afternoon in July, but this was followed by a shift of wind to the northeast, and nearly a blizzard. The wind at one time at Eastport reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour. Altogether the storm was rather peculiar and a remarkable one in New England.

Salem and Lynn's lowlands suffered severely. The water penetrated the boiler house of the street railway and did much damage.

The Mississippi Rising.

Memphis, Jan. 24.—The Mississippi river from Cairo to New Orleans is rising rapidly, and there is enough water in sight to send it above the danger line from Cairo to Vicksburg. The water rose a foot Sunday, and in four days it probably will be above the danger line. At Cairo the danger line has been passed, with a further heavy flood coming down the Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee. Two crevasses in the levees in the Mississippi delta are not yet completed, and it will not be possible to fill them within 10 days.

The situation is regarded as extremely grave, and unless there is a general freeze throughout the north Mississippi and Ohio valleys a repetition of last year's flood is looked for, although the damage will not be so great owing to the fact of its being early in the year and the water will probably subside before time for planting.

Blizzard In Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Jan. 24.—The most severe blizzard which has visited this city in years continued in its fury until Sunday morning. Snow to the depth of 16 inches fell, and with the wind blowing at the rate of 50 miles per hour, great drifts were formed in all parts of the city, making travel almost an impossibility. Several lines of street railway traffic was at a standstill, and only the most important thoroughfares were kept open for a time by the aid of powerful sweepers. Railroad trains came in very irregularly, and only passenger trains, each with the aid of several locomotives, attempted to get through.

Every telegraph wire in the state was crippled and news from the outside world was received over the long distance telephone. None of the different lines entering Milwaukee ventured out. So far as known no mishaps in the line of navigation are known to have occurred.

Storm of Rain and Wind.

Cincinnati, Jan. 24.—The Commercial Tribune dispatches report damage by a gale attending a rainstorm as follows: Bradford Junction, O.—Christian church unroofed, barns and trees blown down. Wooster, O.—Jail and three factories unroofed. Baltimore and Ohio railway tracks washed out in two places. Lima, O.—Rainfall unprecedented. School building unroofed, many oil derricks blown down in Hume, Buckland and Spencerville districts. Telegraph and telephone seriously crippled for several hours. Rivers raging torrents.

Hartford City, Ind.—Scarcely a derrick left standing in the oil field.

Cynthiana, Ky.—Ticking river higher than since 1874.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

ALMANAC, TUESDAY, JAN. 25.
Sun rises—7:05 a. m.; sets, 4:48 p. m.
Moon sets—7:53 p. m.
High tide—1 a. m.; 1 p. m.

Fair weather, with considerably colder temperature, follows the storm. The temperature will not, however, fall much below freezing over the greater part of New England. The weather in this district will continue fair through Tuesday, and possibly Wednesday, with somewhat colder temperatures tonight and Tuesday morning; high westerly winds diminishing in force.

Specials for Saturday.

Black goat fur coats, \$7.50. Dogskin coats, \$10. Cut and square horse blankets, 75c to \$5. 25 dozen men's worsted and all wool half hose 20c, 3 pair for 50c. Little lot heavy wool underwear 50c, worth 75c. Jersey shirt, black and brown, heavy fleeced, 85c, worth \$1.

35 Doz. Boys' Fleece Hose.

Fast black, 15c a pair or two for 25c. The green tag sale goes merrily on and is good until inventory, Feb. 1. You are bound to find just your suit, overcoat, ulster or reefer, with the rice marked down from 10 to 35 per cent. from our already low prices. January prices are hold over prices from '97. Better buy before '98 prices prevail.

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AT WILLIAMSTOWN

Rev. Dr. Bartlett Receives a Call—
An Insane Woman's Freak—Off
for Klondike—A Rare Dog—
Joseph Richards a Candidate for
Sheriff.

Rev. Dr. Bartlett Called.

Rev. Franklin W. Bartlett, D. D., of Salem, formerly rector of St. John's church in this town, lately received an unanimous call from the vestry of St. Paul's church, Peabody, and has consented to act as minister-in-charge until the Easter parish meeting, when the annual elections take place, including that of rector, in case of vacancy. Dr. Bartlett has been rector of churches in Pennsylvania and Vermont and has also been engaged in educational work during many years of his ministry. When in charge of St. John's church in this town he taught Hebrew for seven years in Williams college, which in 1886 gave him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. His doctor's degree was conferred by Union college some years before. He has contributed from time to time to church papers, and of late years usually in verse. One of his most popular productions is the American Missionary Hymn. This hymn, published a few months ago in the Spirit of Missions, a New York magazine, has found, and still continues to find, a welcome to the secular and religious press near home and to distant parts of the country as far as Louisiana and Oregon.

A Rare Dog.

John Ennis received from a friend in Boston a few days ago a seven-weeks-old puppy. It is a Danish hound and, so far as known, it is the only specimen of that breed in this region. The puppy is mouse color, mottled with spots of a darker shade, and looks very peculiar. Its hair is almost as soft as the fur of a cat. Its father and mother together weigh 280 pounds, consequently Mr. Ennis will be apt to have a good sized dog on his hands when the puppy grows up.

Off for Klondike.

Mark and Charles Spooner have concluded to join the army of Klondike gold hunters and left town this morning for Seattle, where they will remain till March, or until such time as they can secure passage for Klondike. The Messrs. Spooner are natives of this town and for several years past they have been employed in B. H. Sherman's store and tin shop. All who know them hope they will have the luck to "strike it rich."

An Insane Woman's Freak.

Mrs. Timothy H. Reardon of North Adams, who was the victim of insanity, started out Saturday morning and walked to this town. She was followed by her husband, who tried in vain to get her to return with him, and when this town was reached he secured the services of Constable Lamphere, who took the woman back to North Adams, where she was confined in a room in the police station.

Candidate for Sheriff.

Joseph Richards has decided to enter the field as a candidate for the office of deputy sheriff. He states that he has no special desire for the office and has taken the field only at the urgent request of many of his townsmen. Mr. Richards has served as constable for nine years and feels competent to perform the duties of sheriff in case the appointment comes to him.

There was a pleasant party Friday evening at the home of R. A. Briggs on the back road. There were about 20 people in the company and the evening was passed in the enjoyment of sociability and games. An oyster supper was served and the party broke up at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Sears returned Saturday to her home in Heath after a visit with her brother, Henry Russell.

Mrs. Hux and her daughter, Miss Catherine, arrived from Albany Saturday for a short visit at the home of John B. Gale.

S. B. James of New York is the guest of John B. Gale for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Gale and two granddaughters, Misses Leah and Catherine, will be members of an excursion party which will sail from New York in February for a voyage to the Mediterranean sea. The first stop will be made at Gibraltar. The party will be gone two months.

Azhderian & Brunch, dealers in shoes and gentlemen's furnishing goods, have dissolved partnership and the business will be conducted by Mr. Azhderian.

At the request of the senior class Dr. L. D. Woodbridge will give a series of talks

this term on "The Hygiene of the Home," Prof. Bliss Perry of Princeton will deliver a lecture here in the near future on "Kipling" for the benefit of the athletic field fund.

Dr. Carter, Dr. Bascom and Professor Dale are members of a committee of prominent Northern Berkshire men who will endeavor to secure legislation to make Mount Greylock a state park.

The following members of the faculty will act as class officers for the ensuing term: Seniors, Professor Russell; juniors, Professor Woodbridge; sophomores, Professor Wahl; freshmen, Professor Morton.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Lyman of Brooklyn, N. Y., will speak in the college chapel Tuesday evening.

Dr. Peck delivered a lecture last week before the Men's club of Lansingburgh, N. Y. The subject of his address was "The Life History of a Fish." He also expects to give a talk some evening during the term at the chapel at White Oaks on "Scientific Experiments on the Habitual Use of Alcohol."

*Calnan's "Hudson Club" cigar, 5c.

NOTICE.

The Commissioner of Public Works will hold regular meetings at the City Hall on Monday and Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

COM. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

ROUTE OVER A COBRA.

Thrilling Adventure of a Bicyclist on a Hill in India.

Bicycling in southern India is attended by peculiar dangers. A wheelman, whose way led him across the Anamallay hills, was spinning along when suddenly he saw lying directly in front of him a large cobra. The lively encounter is thus described by the cyclist in the Madras Mail:

It was impossible to avoid the loathsome reptile by swerving to either side. The slope was too steep, and I was going too fast. I back pedaled with my whole weight and put on the brake with all the force that my right hand could exert, but the momentum was too great, and the bicycle went on over the snake, which rose with a hiss to meet me and extended its hood.

Quick as lightning it struck at the front wheel, and as it struck I instinctively lifted both hands from the handle bar, the thought flashing through my mind that shoes and hose gave my feet and legs a chance, but that my hands were naked.

The instant my hand was off the brake the bicycle shot forward, for in my fright I had forgotten to continue to back pedal. With unutterable horror I saw that the snake was half through the front wheel, and that the wheel was drawing it through the fork with a horrid swish.

Then there was a thud as the head of the snake was drawn through the fork, and a second later a flap of the tail end of the snake as it was drawn through and hit the road on the right.

The one idea that pressed me was to accelerate this process. How the bicycle did fly down that hill! The level ground at the foot of the slope I sped across at racing speed, and I rushed up the opposite slope as long as I had any breath left in me.

Then I ventured to get off. The snake's head was gone as far as the spectacles on the hood, pounded into jelly by the hard road. On the right side of the wheel the snake tapered off into a few fleshless vertebrae. Two herd boys in the fields came to see what had happened, and with sticks helped me to remove the carcass from my wheel. I think there can be nothing more frightful than to have a cobra in the front wheel of one's bicycle while one is pedaling for dear life.—Youth's Companion.

A Poet as a Cyclist.

Will Carleton, the celebrated poet and lecturer, whose home is in Brooklyn, has joined the L. A. W. Relative to bicycle riding Mr. Carleton says: "I have been a bicycle rider for a number of years and greatly enjoy the sport. There is nothing nicer in this line than to get up at 4 o'clock on a summer morning, ride down to the bridge, cross to New York, go up town and return to Brooklyn by the Twenty-third street ferry. At that early hour, of course, the streets are practically deserted, and few vehicles of any kind are encountered." It should not be inferred that Mr. Carleton makes a practice of taking such a circuit every summer morning when he is in town, for what he said on the subject conveyed the impression that he indulged only at comparatively rare intervals.—American Cyclist.

How to Refasten Cork Handles.

Cork handles which have become loose may easily be fastened by the aid of a little tire cement and a hot poker. Take off the loose handles; then apply a light to a piece of cement, which smear on the handle bar. You can also drop a little cement inside the handle, heat the poker or a piece of iron and push the end into the handle bar for about six inches, holding it there until the bar is hot enough to make the cement melt so that you can easily push in the handle. Leave for half an hour to cool, and you will find the handle firmly fixed. It may be that there is already enough cement in the handle, and it only requires heating to make it run.—New York Post.

Contract Labor Law and Pacemakers.

One expert is of the opinion that the exorbitant demands of American as compared with English and French pacemakers will result in large importations of foreign pacers next season. He even goes so far as to say that the men will be quartered at some one of the large eastern tracks and farmed out as wanted. Before considering the subject further it might be well for this expert to look up the bearing of the contract labor law upon the case. The French pacemakers in particular are seldom racing men, and it would be very difficult to represent them as such.

SHORT WHEEL NOTES.

The New York Fireman's Cycle club will soon give its first invitation reception.

Elliott Mason says that he has ridden a bicycle for the last 21 years and that in the life of the pneumatic tire, about eight years, he has had only one puncture.

A western paper states that the baseball leagues have taken up the matter of building cycle tracks within their ground, on which cycle races are to be held when the grounds are not used for baseball.

"Biking" no longer stands alone as an example of what wheeling has added to the vocabulary. Motor vehicles are not used to such an extent in Europe that "motoring" has come to be the very newest specimen of distorted English.

Chairman Mott of the L. A. W. racing board has opened correspondence with Secretary Sturmy of the International Cyclists' union looking to the official recognition of world's bicycle records in the amateur and professional classes.

Bicycles with low crank hangers, mildly suggesting the English "cob," made many friends last season. There will be more of them this year, the pattern having engaged the attention of several prominent makers, says The American Cyclist.

It has all along been conceded that soft tires are comfortable and hard tires fast. Tests have been made, however, which are claimed to indicate that the proper air pressure is 27½ pounds. At this pressure the tires reach the limit of their resiliency, and nothing is gained when greater pressure is added.

FOR FAIR CYCLISTS.

Cycling shoes, when new, should be worn a few times for short rides before being used for continuous touring.

A waterproof cape which costs but a few dollars and lasts for several seasons should form part of every tourist's equipment.

Although a "naked" machine is preferable for short out and home riding in dry weather, a tourist should not shirk a full equipment of mud guards.

After riding in the rain it is most important that the tourist should see that the front wheel brake is in working order and not in need of lubrication at its joints.

Wormwood boiled in vinegar and applied as hot as one can bear on a sprain or bruise is an invaluable remedy. The affected member should afterward be rolled in flannel to retain the heat.—Philadelphia Times.

To brighten the enamel wash with a large, soft linen cloth and lukewarm water, dry thoroughly with a soft cloth and afterward polish with a solution of beeswax in spirits of turpentine, but never use a brush, hot water and soap, as they injure the enamel.

The Schoolman's Wheel.

Ought a schoolmistress to go to her school on a bicycle? This is the question the Paris municipal council has had to decide, and its decision is in the negative. It appears that a young teacher in one of the Parisian day schools was forbidden by the educational authorities to use her bicycle in business. It was not so much the bicycle that was judged to be in fault as the rational costume which she wears, in common with all other lady cyclists in the French capital. The educational authorities held that it was unbecoming to appear in puffy breeches and zouave jacket in the schoolroom.—London News.

Riding in Damp Weather.

Never ride fast over wet places. Your wheel may slip from under you, causing a bad fall, especially if you turn and lean at all. Go slowly when the road is rough, particularly on block pavements. Sharp jolts will injure the best bicycle made, may cause an important nut to loosen, break a taut spoke of high metal or put the wheels out of true, and when going at a reduced speed in such places it is well to ease the strain by putting as much weight as possible on the pedals by rising from the saddle. Always rise from the saddle in crossing car tracks for the same reason.—Century Wheelman.

Racing Gears to Be Increased.

The gears will be increased very materially next season among the racing men. The favorite gear of 1897 on the path was an 80 gear. Bald, Cooper, Kiser and Mertens, also Gardiner, used 80 gears in most of their contests. The season of 1898 will see gears as high as 96 on the race track which will be used by most of the prominent men. Gougoltz uses a 96 gear in all his races, and it is principally owing to the fact that all the foreigners that have come to this country are using such high gears that the Americans will also follow their style.—New York World.

An Odd New Wheel.

A unique wheel is the invention of D. M. Dearing of Denver. It is a design in which the spokes of the wheels are fitted at each end with little rubber balls filled with air. Each spoke is allowed a play of one-quarter of an inch. Thus, the inventor claims, when a sudden strain is brought to bear on the wheel the little pneumatic balls will contract with the pressure and allow the wheels to pass over an ordinary obstruction without the rider feeling a jar.—New York Times.

May Bathe While They Train.

The new cyclo-drome at Ambrose park, borough of Brooklyn, will number among its other advantages a bathing pavilion. This will be possible, as the park is within a block of the water of the Narrows, which at this point is as pure and clean as any place along the shore. The privilege will only be granted to the racing men who are at the track.—New York World.

To Preserve a Wheel's Enamel.

A wheel's appearance depends largely on the care that is taken of the nickel and enamel, and the enamel is the more susceptible to damage. This is especially true after a muddy ride. The mud should be taken off the enameled parts before it is dry, but if dry it should never be knocked off, but loosened by applying benzine or kerosene with a piece of cloth. The result will be clean enamel, while if the mud is knocked off marks will remain which can never be

removed by applying a new coat of enamel.—New York Telegram.

Milwaukee's Tack Fiend.

A Milwaukee fiend has produced a device which leaves tack sprinkling a crude and primitive method of malicious damage to trees. He buries a spike studded board beneath the surface of the cycle path, and it is said that up to the time of his recent apprehension he had succeeded in puncturing 200 tires.—Exchange.

The Beneficial Bicycle.

Any old day will do for considering the bicycle face, eye, hand, foot, etc. At present we need only to concern ourselves with the fact that cycling is good for the muscles, lungs, liver and temper and therefore must be excellent for the body and soul.—American Cyclist.

There is something pathetic in the mta protest which the celebrated Chinese viceroy, Li Hung Chang, makes against the proposed dismemberment of the Chinese empire.—Atlanta Constitution.

Rome had her Caesars, but the great seizers of today are to be found operating on China and poor little Korea. Even these may yet find their Brutuses in the strange decrees of fate.—Boston Globe.

The most populous nation of the earth is also the most helpless. Having failed to fence out the new civilization China seems willing to go to school again under western teachers.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SOME ODD NOTIONS.

Love is in terrible poor bizness when it tries to show off.

Sum men get rich by hard work and others by having good wives.

Tellin the truth is the best thing to do, even when it don't sound so good.

It wud take an angel to agree with any preacher about all the things he says in the pulpit.

Bozox a man talks nice in meetin is no reason why he shudnt be watched in a horse trade.

To do as we wud be dun by has more religion in it than sum prayin that kin be heard a mile.

If a man is so hard run on his woddin day that he can't give the preacher more than two bits, it's my notion he'd better wait awhile yet.

Sum preachin is always a shootin off both barrels at meanness a hundred miles away and never snappin a cap at anything the devil is doin in sight of the meetin house.—Silas Gauderfoot in Ram's Horn.

WAVES OF WATER.

The earth's lowest body of water is the Caspian sea, which has been sinking for centuries.

The Orinoco river in South America is said to possess more tributaries than any other river in the world.

The fastest flowing river in the world is the Sutlej, in British India. Its descent is 12,000 feet in 180 miles.

The Pacific ocean covers 78,000,000 square miles, the Atlantic 35,000,000, the Mediterranean sea, 1,000,000.

The Araxes river, in Transcaucasia, has shifted to its ancient bed, and now flows directly into the Caspian sea, instead of into the Kura, at a point 60 miles from the latter's mouth.

A FORTUNE IN ALASKA.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Berkshire ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Louis Merckle, late of North Adams, in said county of Berkshire, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Charles H. Jeanette of North Adams, in said county of Berkshire, on the first day of February A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be on day at least before said Court.

Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight. FRED R. SHAW, Register.

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AT ADAMS

Grand Army Fair Closed.

The Grand Army fair held in the opera house the past week, closed Saturday evening. The closing night was in every way the most successful. The hall was crowded with people and 500 single admission tickets were sold at the door. All interest centered in the piano contest between Mrs. George F. Bolger, Miss Lena Myers, Miss Annie Sherman and Miss Lizzy Coons. During the evening the friends of the contestants canvassed for votes and there was much guessing as to who would win. The silent voting began at 10 o'clock and lasted twenty minutes. The money was then counted by Teller Frank Hanlon of the Greylock National bank. All were eager to learn the result and when it was announced as Mrs. Bolger had won there was deafening applause, and her many friends were wild with delight for the contest was hard fought throughout. The result: Mrs. Bolger \$491.84; Miss Myers \$402.38; Miss Sherman \$107.72 and Miss Coons \$35.50. The total was \$1,035.44. Quite a little interest was also shown in a doll contest between Gertrude Lacy and Lulu Boom. It resulted, Miss Lacy \$43.72 and Miss Boom \$41.59. The total was \$85.31. Miss Boom was given a handsome doll by the Woman's Relief corps. The following articles were awarded: 100 cigars, F. S. Richmond; piano lamp, number 49; silver tea service, Peter Young; pair of blankets, R. Scott Hildreth; manicure set, John Hammond; guessing on the number of beans in a bottle, E. E. Phelps guessed 2,349 and there were 2,400; guessing on a bottle filled with seeds the number was 1997 and Miss Annie Gorman of North Adams guessed 1999; ham, awarded to Mrs. Charles A. Daniels; pair of shoes, M. O. Larkin; L. A. Briggs guessed the number of seeds in a squash and was given a silk umbrella; silk waist, Nellie P. Barrett; whip, Joseph Chaplain; water set, M. O. Larkin; lady's hat, Joseph Ralidy; barrel of crackers, Mary Brooks; picture, George Bennett; suit of clothes, Dennis O'Connor; flat iron, Mrs. Eva Sherman; guessing on the length of a rope, Seneca Carpenter guessed 69 feet 8 inches and there were 69 feet 1-4 inches; he was given a year's subscription to the Evening Herald of North Adams; ham, Mrs. Alice Fern; tea set, Philip D. Powers; chair, F. Fountain of North Adams; sofa pillow, F. C. Wiethe of West Cummington; marble top stand, Mrs. F. R. Harrington. The remainder of the articles will be awarded at a camp-fire to be held in the near future. The fair committee will meet in G. A. R. hall this evening. The fair was a decided success and about \$1,000 will be cleared.

A Polander Stabbed.

The Poles held a dance in Koehler's Turn hall on Summer street Saturday evening and nearly all of that nationality attended. Among the number was James Pollet of Croton street. He is a card grinder in the Berkshire mill and it is understood that he was influential in the discharge of a fellow Polander a week ago. The latter was at the dance Saturday evening and made known his grievances to friends. When Pollet entered he tried to mix in with the crowd, but it seems a certain "gang" surrounded him and soon he was tripped and fell upon the floor. He arose and seized the man who tripped him. As he did so he received a number of blows on the face and head and was stabbed twice in the breast. Some of the witnesses of the fight said it took place outside the hall. Sunday afternoon Mrs. H. B. Holmes and J. H. Donnelly attended Pollet and dressed his wounds. He had a deep scalp wound about two inches long, a cut two inches over and about an inch and a half to the left of the heart and still another below the auxiliary region. If this had entered the brachial artery it would have undoubtedly proved fatal. The doctors say the cuts were made with a very sharp instrument, not unlike a stiletto. The man would certainly have been killed had it not been for a heavy ulster which he wore. No complaints have been made to the police and no warrants have been issued.

Some Good Racing.

About 100 people were at Arnoldsville Saturday afternoon and witnessed about an hour's fine horse racing between the best local horses. Asa Harrington with his black pacer defeated C. E. Eullington's grey mare "Maggie." It was the first time she has been beaten in this town. W. S. Jenks was out with the best black pacer, "Sam Hill, Jr.," but none of the horsemen cared to give him a "go." Mr. Jenks will send the pacer to F. M. Lodge of Pittsfield next month, who will train him for next season's races.

This Evening's Lecture.

Prof. Thomas Dismore will lecture at the opera house this evening on a "A Wonderful Structure." The talk refers to the human body and will be very instructive. Mr. Dismore has addressed societies and clubs in all the large cities and has earned a wide reputation. The proceeds of the lecture are for the new library room and the public should attend in large numbers. The tickets are 25 and 35 cents each.

New Militia Rifles Received.

Captain H. O. Hicks has received 57 new rifles for the members of Company M. They are similar to the old rifles but the bayonet is called a rod bayonet. The old rifles will be returned to headquarters. The marksmen's badges have also been received and will be given out at the next drill. The inspection of the company takes place February 14.

Carpenter-Prindle Wedding.

Miss Gertrude Carpenter was married to James Prindle at the home of her parents on Columbia street Saturday evening by Rev. A. E. Peniman. About 75 friends witnessed the ceremony. A reception was held and the young couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations and handsome presents.

Baby Prize Winners.

The baby show at the opera house Saturday afternoon was a leading feature of the Grand Army fair. The attendance was large and about a dozen babies competed for prizes. The awards were as follows: Prettiest baby, Arthur Francis, 3 m. or Mr. and Mrs. William Richmond; fattest baby, Kenneth Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Yeaton; smallest baby, Ethel Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Caley. The judges were E. E. Merchant, Mrs. Charles Delancy and Mrs. Crandall of North Adams.

New Lodge to Be Instituted.

The Degree of Honor, a new ladies' lodge, will be instituted at the rooms of the A. O. U. W. in Richmond's block on Centre street, Tuesday evening. It is an auxiliary to the A. O. U. W. and it is hoped all ladies interested will be present. The work of institution will be done by Mrs. Emma J. Davis and aids of Florence.

Pauper Creates a Disturbance.

Michael Cassidy, an inmate at the town farm, became intoxicated Saturday evening and tried to break the house down. He smashed a door and beat a one-armed Poleander and then wanted to whip everyone at the farm. Chief Curran drove to the farm about 11 p. m. Saturday evening and arrested him.

Corporal Busby Won.

The weekly medal shoot was held at Company M's rifle range Saturday afternoon and about a dozen men competed. Corporal Fred Busby won with a score of 45. His handicap was three.

Tourner-O'dell Wedding.

Albert A. O'dell and Miss Louise Tourner, both of this town, were married by Town Clerk Munson, Saturday evening. The groom is the owner of a milk route and his bride is a well known young lady. A reception was held at the bride's home at Maple Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anthony and daughter, Miss Cherrie, visited friends in Dalton Saturday.

Miss M. Ruth Murray of Pittsfield was the guest of Mrs. John Donahue of Murray street Sunday.

A set of resolutions on the death of Richard Walz, as a tribute to his bravery, is being circulated and will be printed in the local newspapers and sent to his family in Heidelberg, Germany.

Rev. J. C. Ivers of Holyoke is the guest of Rev. D. C. Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond enjoyed a sleighride to Pittsfield Saturday and returned Sunday.

Miss Nellie P. Barrett of Pittsfield passed Sunday at her home on Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Sisson of Albany, were guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wait, of 19 C. testant street.

J. H. Cody left town Sunday for New York to attend the furniture exposition, and will return the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boardman spent Sunday with friends in Williamstown.

Miss Stella Welch of Myrtle street visited friends in Pittsfield Sunday.

The regular meeting of Company M will be held this evening.

A meeting of the Catholic Order of Foresters will be held in their rooms in Collins block Tuesday evening.

The promoters of the league of the Sacred Heart of St. Thomas' church will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Harrison's Wonderful Record.

The first claim made for recognition for the mileage championship of 1897 comes from Irving Harrison of Hackensack, N. J., who covered 26,253 miles last season. Harrison started out in January to ride 22,000 miles in 12 months, calculating on accomplishing 2,000 miles a month. He exceeded his own figures, as the weather conditions were quite favorable in the fall for constant riding. His monthly mileage is as follows:

January, 1,260; February, 1,482; March, 1,596; April, 1,407; May, 1,587; June, 1,447; July, 2,250; August, 2,464; September, 2,689; October, 3,410; November, 3,292; December, 3,068. Total, 26,253 miles.

Harrison used his bicycle in transacting business errands and was constantly in the saddle. During his ride he lost no weight and feels no ill effects from his performance.—New York Sun.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN AS A LECTURER AND NEWSPAPER WRITER.

His Proposition First to Psychologize an Editor Off the Face of the Earth and Then to Make a Spectacular Tour With a Horn Player—Quigg.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—[Special.]—It appears from the papers that George Francis Train is still staying at Mills hotel No. 1 just when not attending club and other dinners at Philadelphia and elsewhere, and that he is still wedded to his determination not to shake hands with any grown person. He might sleep and eat at much worse places and doubtless he has done so more than once. Citizen Train is one of the most extraordinary products of the American republic.

Many readers of this correspondence may not remember it, but there was a time when Train was generally counted to be an exceedingly brilliant man and a great credit to the country. It was his foresight that first selected the site of Omaha as a desirable one for a great city. He was also one of the pioneer advocates of the Pacific railroad, and he had a finger in more than one of the country's greater enterprises some 30 years ago. Had he kept his head he could today have been as big a millionaire as the man at whose great 20 cent lodging house he is sleeping nights, and a power in politics besides.

Train as a Lecturer.

About 20 years ago, before he had dropped to anything like his present level, but after he had been likened by some one to "a locomotive off the rails, upset, its cow-catcher stuck in a stump and its drivers making 200 revolutions a minute," he decided to revive his waning fortune and reputation by going on a lecturing tour.

He began his tour at a good sized city of the interior, and at first the theater in which he appeared was crowded every evening. But the audiences soon fell away below the profitable level, and those who did attend went more for the purpose of gazing the speaker than to gather instruction or legitimate amusement from his remarks. This angered him intensely, and, casting about for some explanation of the change, he decided that it must arise from the alleged to be humorous reports printed by a certain newspaper. The next evening he declared to his hearers that he proposed to "psychologize the offending rag out of existence."

"Now," said the speaker at the close of a long and truly eloquent invective against the paper, "let all in favor of this wiping such a sheet off the face of the twentieth hold up their hands so that the combined psychological power of us all may be exercised to the same end."

To his extreme disgust, no hands went up. Instead the audience, which was indeed a small one, burst into a roar of derisive laughter.

"Ah, ha!" said Train, in nowise disconcerted, "the pulling editor of this miserable paper is possessed of a stronger psychological power than I, the prince of psychology, am. I must see this great man and make friends with him, or it will be Train and not he who will be wiped off the earth."

Train as a Contributor.

So the next day he went to the editor of the paper, introduced himself and said he wished to offer his services free as a contributor to the newspaper. This was more powerful than he. The editor, thinking that Train, though evidently a little off his base, might send in some clever matter, encouraged the scheme. "This delighted the 'prince of psychology,'" and he proposed that the editor should take a week's vacation and join him in a tour through the nearby counties. They were to hire a carriage and four and a corner player to sit upon the box with the driver. The man with the horn was to play his best tunes wherever they went, while Train and the editor were to attire themselves in evening suits and wear wreaths of laurels on their heads.

It is needless to say that the proposition was declined with thanks. And it may be added that the editor had first class reasons later on for wishing he had not accepted Train's correspondence proposition. No sooner had the old man reached New York than he began to send in his letters, and such letters as they were!

Each was written on a long strip of narrow paper, some of which were 15 or 20 feet long, and, as might have been expected, they were altogether too rambling to be worth putting into type even in joke. One or two which were printed called out a storm of protests from indignant readers. And the editor's troubles were not over with when the letters were dropped into the wastebasket and Train notified that no more could be used either. For weeks they continued to arrive by nearly every mail, sometimes singly, sometimes two or three together, and once a dozen or more came in a canvas bag. Worse yet, the "citizen," seeing that his effusions were not printed, opened fire with letters of protest, each one more bitter than the last. In one of them he threatened to bring suit for damages, and in all he invoked the direst disaster on the head of the editor who had "so shamefully broken a solemn contract."

Later it appeared that the manager of the theater in which Train had spoken had suffered a good deal more than the editor, for the lectures had been arranged on a guarantee. That manager has since made a fortune and some reputation as a builder of theaters and has had to face many complicated situations in which stars and all other kinds of "attractions" have been the opposing forces, but he never met another proposition so difficult as George Francis Train was at that time. The old man must be away along in years by now, but though his hair and mustache are as perfect as his speech, and he is as white as in which he arranges himself in the summer time, his eye still has its old time flash and he stands as straight as if he had swallowed a ramrod. His support is arranged for by relatives.

Quigg.

Lemuel Ely Quigg's approaching promised retirement from the chairmanship of the Republican county committee is thought by many to be one of the most important steps in the forthcoming reorganization of the party in this city and has caused a good deal of surmising as to what his future course will be.

Many believe he will re-enter newspaper work. He is certainly a brilliant writer, but his political opinions would not be held in such high esteem now, probably, as before he left the discussion of politics on paper to engage personally in the game. He has much imaginative power and is a rarely good descriptive writer, and, judging from the high level of his "Tintypes," might easily reach an enviable place as a fiction writer. DEXTER MARSHALL.

A Large Contract.

The Missouri division, L. A. W., has taken a large contract on its hands. It will make a determined effort to protect the interests of all wheelmen, whether members of the league or not. It is intended to prosecute those running down wheelmen, if necessary, and those suffering accidents are requested to make known their troubles to the chief counsel. The bureau will also endeavor to look after stolen wheels.—American Cyclist.

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NEW GOLF PRINCIPLE.

Another Style in Putting Conceived and Practiced by Edward Leavitt.

A new principle in playing golf, original and thoroughly American departure from the long established method, has been developed and thoroughly tested during the past season on the links.

The new style in putting was conceived and practiced by Edward Leavitt of the Fairfield County Golf club. He uses a goose neck putter, but the ball is struck with the back and not with the face. In fact, Leavitt puts with facility with the back of any iron club. Instead of putting in the usual way Leavitt stands facing the hole squarely back of the ball, one foot on either side of the white sphere, which rests about 14 inches before an imaginary line drawn from shoe to shoe. The left hand rests on the hip, the club being held lightly just below the leather in the right hand, with the thumb down the shaft. Before striking, Leavitt moves the putter with a slow, pendulum motion to and fro over the ball to get the exact line for the hole, and then he makes the shot by a gentle hit with the back of the club. Except on well rolled turf Leavitt puts in the orthodox way, but on a smooth putting green he claims that his new style is deadly at any distance within 20 feet of the cup. He is wonderfully successful in putting on his new principle. His wrist is unusually strong, however, and his eyesight very keen, two results due to his prominence as a racket and court tennis player a decade ago, and these may be factors in his success in this new style of putting. Many amateurs who have tried Leavitt's system have adopted it as an improvement on the game. To pay him the compliment of imitation shows a sincere appreciation of the system, for those who have tried it have always at first been inclined to ridicule the radical change from accepted "form."

Each was written on a long strip of narrow paper, some of which were 15 or 20 feet long, and, as might have been expected, they were altogether too rambling to be worth putting into type even in joke. One or two which were printed called out a storm of protests from indignant readers. And the editor's troubles were not over with when the letters were dropped into the wastebasket and Train notified that no more could be used either. For weeks they continued to arrive by nearly every mail, sometimes singly, sometimes two or three together, and once a dozen or more came in a canvas bag. Worse yet, the "citizen," seeing that his effusions were not printed, opened fire with letters of protest, each one more bitter than the last. In one of them he threatened to bring suit for damages, and in all he invoked the direst disaster on the head of the editor who had "so shamefully broken a solemn contract."

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Special Mid-Winter Sale!

What selling there was last week, in spite of the weather! Reason for it, of course. There were bargains to be picked, and thrifty ones were here to do the picking. And what is more, THE BARGAINS WERE GENUINE. We are not afraid to take a loss when we want to clear stocks, which is just what we want now.

It's a sort of house-cleaning time with us, when everything of which we have too much or little—odd lots, surplus stocks and broken assortments—are all priced to go. Here's part of the story.

New Stock of Hamburg Embroideries.

We are ready with our new spring stock of Hamburg edgings and insertions—protector patterns and more of them than we've ever shown before. Hundreds and hundreds of the very latest novelties in Hamburg Embroideries, Cambric and Nainsook Edgings and Insertions in sets of matched patterns, Cambric and Nainsook all-overs, also beadings and bands with broad margins of cloth. Excellent qualities, rich designs, finely finished and reasonably priced.

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Come here expecting to find the greatest Muslin Underwear offerings made by any store in this vicinity. Garments of good materials, cut generously, trimmed daintily and made as they ought to be. And prices are cheap by 10 to 15 cents on the dollar than goods of equal worth can be bought elsewhere in town.

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We shall offer during this sale sheets and pillow cases at prices that are 10 to 20 per cent. below the regular cost of these goods.

These sheets and pillow cases are made from well known standard muslins, and are made by first-class, well paid workmen.

1200 Bleached Pillow Cases Unparalleled Offer!

The great 1200 Pillow Case value ever given—40x36 in. pillow cases, regular price 10c; special at only 5c.

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Made from standard cottons, three and one inch hem.

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THE COMBINATION SHOE CO. have bought up the stock of Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, etc., formerly owned by J. T. Baker and will close them out at a

Great Sacrifice Sale!

TO CONTINUE ALL NEXT WEEK. NO WAITING FOR "SLOW SHILLINGS".

Everything will be sold for practically what it will bring—without regard to former cost or value. This is a clearance sale that clears! A sale in which every dollar will do double duty. Everything must go, and your part is to get the best before its gone! So be early.

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ROAST PORK, 8c.

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NORTH ADAMS, MASS.

*I know not that record of sin awaits me
in the other world; but this I do know;
that I never was so mean as to despise a
man because he was poor, because he was
ignorant, or because he was black.*
—John A. Andrew.

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 24, '98.

Advertisers in THE TRANSCRIPT are the best business men in this community. Their advertisements are worth reading, and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

From financial centers and financial authorities comes the word that business is good for this season of the year. Dan's review of the past week says that with a volume of business remarkable for the time of the year, 38 per cent. larger than a year ago and 10.4 per cent. larger than in 1892 in payments through clearing houses, it is not discouraging that one or two industries are lagging. The demand for most goods is more heavy for the season manufacturing works are better employed, and orders booked and prospects for the future are more encouraging, than at this season in any other year of which equally definite records exist. Exports of products continue surprisingly heavy in spite of some rise in prices. Treasury receipts for customs were larger in 20 days in January than in the entire month of October or of November, and apprehension regarding the monetary future is no longer felt outside of speculative circles. Failures are considerably smaller than were ever known at this season, both manufacturing and trading less than half last year's. Railroad earnings in January thus far reported have been 17.6 per cent. larger than last year, and 10.3 per cent. larger than in 1892. Nor are mischievous proposals in congress supposed to have any chance of success. During the week past, wheat went beyond the dollar mark, and iron products have had an unusually large call.

While not one reporter in the boot and shoe market tells of large contracts, manufacturers are buying leather heavily, one statement making sales of hemlock sole shoes 900,000 sides for the week. Exaggerated or not, sales are heavy enough to prove that some of the largest manufacturers are either taking contracts or have resolved upon a course which will secure heavy business. Reported orders are quite restricted, except for brogans, of which many small orders are received, with some of magnitude from the South. No yielding by jobbers in prices is discovered. The great strike of operatives in cotton mills of New England seems as convenient to mill owners with their heavy stocks unsold as if they had ordered it. Probably it will last long enough to work off stocks, and the print cloth market is already about 1 per cent. stronger, while a slight advance is noted in some other cotton goods. The woolen mills have taken satisfactory orders for such goods, probably not without knowing where they could get the wool, and the goods movement is distinctly encouraging, though quotations of the higher priced heavy weights are still deferred. But a very large business for the coming season is already assured, according to reliable accounts entitled to confidence. Failures for the week have been 374 in the United States against 409 last year, and 53 in Canada against 65 last year.

THE DISTRICT COURT SALARY.

There is an effort being made to have the salary of the justice of the district court of Northern Berkshire increased from \$1200 to \$1800 a year. The matter has already been introduced into the legislature and a legislative committee hearing is set down for Wednesday of this week at Boston.

To increase the salary of the justice of the local district court would only be an act of simple justice, as the statement of certain facts will clearly show. Not to increase that salary would be to leave the justice of the district court of Northern Berkshire the lowest paid of judicial officers considering the work done, in the commonwealth.

The salaries of justices of district and police courts should be regulated by the amount of work done. Proceeding on this basis for investigation, what do we find as to salaries paid justices throughout the commonwealth?

Remembering that the salary of the Northern Berkshire district is at present \$1200, let us compare the business done in other district or police courts of Massachusetts whose justices receive \$1200 salary. There are seven such courts, including the local district court. The published official records show that in 1896 (the latest year's record obtainable) the average number of criminal cases in six of these courts was 355; in the local district court for 1896 the cases numbered 1242. In 1895 the average number of cases in the six \$1200-salary courts was 412; in the local district court for 1895 the cases numbered 1085. In 1896 the \$1200-salary court which had the largest number of cases next to the North Adams court was the Newburyport police court with 757, which number was 485 less than the number of cases in the local district court in that year. None of the other \$1200-salary courts had in 1896 one third as many cases as the North Adams court had. Comparing the actual number of cases brought in 1896 and 1895 in six of the \$1200-salary courts with the cases brought in the same

years in the North Adams district court, and basing the amount of salary on the amount of work done, then the salary of the North Adams justice should have been \$3,521.51 if the others were \$1200.

So much for the seven courts with a salary of \$1200. Of the courts with \$1400 salaries, there are three in the state; the number of cases in these courts in 1896 was respectively 1062, 332 and 453. Of the courts with \$1500 salary there are five in the state. In 1896 the average number of cases in these courts was 718—barely more than half the number in our district court. Of the three \$1000-salary courts in Massachusetts the number of cases averaged 1073,—nearly 200 less than in the local court.

Now as to the business of the \$1800-salary courts in the state: there are nine such. Of these only three in 1896 had as many criminal cases brought as were brought in the North Adams court in that year. Why then should not the salary of the local district court justice be raised to \$1800? Is not the work of the judge worth as much here as elsewhere in Massachusetts?

As convincing and conclusive as are the comparisons of work done in proportion to salaries paid in other courts, to prove that the salary of the Northern Berkshire district court is far below the judicial salary standard, there are yet other incontestable considerations why the present salary of the court is far and unjustly below what it should be. The salary of the justice of this court was last fixed in 1855. Since that time North Adams' population has increased from 12,504 to over 20,000. The criminal court cases have more than doubled in that time, as has the number of the bar and police—both adjuncts of this court, increasing its business. Since 1855, of the 50 police and district courts in Massachusetts 34 have had readjustment of the salaries of their justices and judges.

And one final point why the salary of the justice of the Northern Berkshire district court should be increased, is because of the large and constant increase of civil cases in the court. Recently the court was given jurisdiction in civil cases involving not more than \$1,000 while heretofore the limit had been \$300.

To increase the salary of the justice of the local district court is a matter of simple honesty and fairness. The statistics of other courts prove it, and the time and labor demanded of the present justice of the court warrant it. The fact is, the increase of salary is necessary to insure the services of such a judge as the important business of the court demands, and, we believe the legislature will note this fact and do a plain act of justice by raising the salary of the North Adams court as asked.

The cotton mill owners whose employees are striking declare that the shut down is just what was wanted to allow them to sell off their surplus stock.

The city of Springfield proposes to abolish profanity on its streets. Good idea. That Springfield may succeed better in this crusade than in the anti-spit reform, is our earnest wish.

Gladstone is reported as being despondent and wishing that life was over. If so great a man with so much of accumulated glory ends life's end a dreary one, the fact encourages the theory of the pessimist.

That was a great hand-to-hand fight in the French chamber of deputies Saturday. After it was over 125 neckties were found on the floor of the chamber. The members evidently went after each other's jugulars.

No district court judge in Massachusetts is so underpaid for his services as is Judge Phelps who presides over the Northern Berkshire district court. Figures given in another article in this paper prove the statement.

The news from Cuba is again alarming and terrible. An outbreak at Havana may be expected at any hour, resulting in the outrage of American citizens and their rights. When this comes, good-bye to Spanish rule in Cuba. Even President McKinley will have a Cuban policy then.

Do the taxpayers feel that a \$180,000 high school building and increased taxes for the same are absolutely necessary this year or next? If they do, it is safe and right to go ahead. If not, common sense would direct that every expedient be used to get along with the present high school quarters for a while longer. Sound public opinion first, gentlemen.

Numerous New England papers are taking up the fight against the extortionate charges of the New England Telegraph and Telephone company. More should do so, and will. It is a just cause. New England is entitled to as fair and legitimate rates for telephone service as any section of the country and such rates are three to four times as high in this section of the country as they are where independent companies have given the Bell monopoly competition. If the New England newspapers will take up this cause in earnest the present unfair rates, which practically amount to high-handed robbery, will have to come down.

Newspapers who have occasion to use telegraphic service are more than pleased at the splendid service rendered by the Postal Telegraph Company. The facilities of this excellent company are yearly being brought to a higher grade of efficiency in the handling of press matter. The accommodating and painstaking character of the management constitute a large factor, also, in bringing the Postal service to the pre-eminence of publishers. From its officers, men of executive ability and life-long experience in managing great telegraph systems, Chandler, Baker and Bradley, down to the local managers and even the messengers, a spirit of accommodating bustle seems to prevail, which is in decided contrast with the take-it-or-leave-it spirit of its older competitor.

CUBA ALWAYS ON DECK

A Perennial Theme of Discussion at the Capital.

BUT THE END IS NOT FAR OFF.

Mr. Hitt Forebushes the President's Action—The Policy Decided Upon Last Summer—Plans For Intervention Without War—Action Soon to Be Taken.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—[Special.]—Cuba is almost constantly at the front in this capital. If it is not a debate in the house of representatives, a resolution in the senate or a rumor that warships are to be dispatched to Havana, it is something else. But they end, or the beginning of the end, cannot be far off. More than once in these dispatches I have told my readers of the purpose of the president ultimately to intervene between Cuba and Spain. My predictions have of late been confirmed in many ways. Chairman Hitt of the foreign affairs committee of the house recently spoke from his place and told the world virtually that President McKinley was preparing to intervene. Mr. Hitt was in consultation with the president at the White House the night before this remarkable speech was made. The significance of Mr. Hitt's speech was not in foreboding the action of the president, for that has been presaged for some time past by newspaper correspondents who actually know what is going on in Washington. Its true significance was that the culmination of the president's policy has been hastened by events in Cuba over which, of course, the executive had no control.

It is well to bear in mind that no other man in the country has had greater influence upon President McKinley's Cuban policy than Mr. Hitt himself. This policy was formulated last summer, just after the return of Special Commissioner Calhoun from Cuba and just before the departure of Minister Woodford to Madrid. Mr. Hitt was then in almost daily consultation with the president and Assistant Secretary of State Day.

The president properly placed great confidence in Mr. Hitt's judgment and knowledge. He is and long has been a special student of all foreign questions. He is gifted by nature with an adaptability to such matters, and his diplomatic experience and his close and intelligent study give his opinions when once formed the weight of authority. Mr. Hitt had always been in favor of action by this government concerning Cuba, because he had always believed the problem there was one which this government alone could solve, and his influence upon President McKinley was right in this line and direction.

The President's Policy. What was the policy of the president, formed last summer? The American citizen who wishes to enjoy a full understanding of the various moves upon the international chessboard—those now being made and others which are to come in the near future—may be glad to have this question clearly answered. I will endeavor to do so, my information being none the less trustworthy and accurate because I am unable to name its source.

When President McKinley spent two weeks in consultation with his advisers and evolved a Cuban policy, it was a plan with a purpose. It was not a leap in the dark, it was not a bit of opportunism, waiting for what might turn up, but was, to the contrary, a definite plan with an achievement of great moment at the far end of it. President McKinley decided that he would go at the Cuban problem upon the basis that ultimately it would be the duty of the United States to solve it. He would, however, take his steps in such way, if possible, that when the crisis came war with Spain might be averted. He had reason to believe, and since that day the reasons have grown stronger, that in the end Spain will be found too weak to offer resistance to the United States, but will be glad to make the best terms possible. Having all this in mind the president prepared the note to Spain which was delivered by General Woodford and which is known by the minister's name. That was notice upon Spain that ultimately, unless Spain herself solves the problem, we shall find it necessary to step in and solve it for her. That was the first step. Then Spain reversed her policy in Cuba. She recalled General Weyler. She began to carry on the war along modern, Christian lines. She instituted what she called autonomy. She made every possible concession to the United States, eager to avert the threatened intervention.

In recognition of this the president staid his hand for a time. He was willing to await the outcome of Spain's efforts to conciliate Cuba with autonomy and amnesty. If affairs in the island had continued normal, the president, in all probability, would have been willing to wait for some months yet, that Spain's new policy might have ample chance to demonstrate whether or not it was going to achieve anything good and wholesome. But Cuba has not remained normal.

Hastening to a Crisis. As I have already told you in these dispatches, the president has been greatly stirred by the disclosures as to the terrible condition of the rural population of Cuba. He started a relief fund in their behalf, and it has been a failure because the people of the United States believe there can be no adequate relief till our government interposes its strong arm. Meanwhile, also, there have been riots in Havana. The significance of these riots was twofold—first, that autonomy was a failure, that the ruling class in Cuba would not accept it; second, that the new captain general could not depend upon the loyalty of the volunteer forces which have garrisoned Havana.

Following these came signs of unrest in the house of representatives. It is well known to every observer in Washington that if the brakes were taken off in the house a majority for action concerning Cuba would be manifest. All these things have operated to hasten a culmination of the plan which the president formed last summer. Instead of intervention about November this year, it is likely to come in some form or other within 60 days. Other events may delay or prevent it, but unless they do a new note to Spain—a note demanding that the United States be admitted as a factor to a solution of the Cuban problem, not necessarily to put the insurgents in power, but to solve it in some way—is now being prepared and will soon be presented to the government at Madrid. What will follow no one is wise enough to foresee.

Consistent Grief. "Do you think Joe will always keep mourning for her husband?" "Yes. She is going to marry a man named Black."—Chicago Record.

SKI RUNNING.

A Switzerland Sport That Is More Exciting Than Tobogganing.

Tobogganing is very well till one has tried ski running, pronounced, by the way, the running.

A person sails majestically along with nothing to help him but a spiked bamboo pole and long, narrow sandals on his feet. Dr. Conan Doyle is the pioneer of the sport in Switzerland, where the English people enjoy the run every season, to the surprise of the na-

tives. Let anyone tie a board 8 feet long by 8 inches broad to each foot and try to walk about a lawn. He may shuffle along, but let him turn a corner, go down a slope or alter his course in the slightest, and he will realize the difficulties to be met with. The sport is practiced on the natural snow covered hills at an angle of 45 degrees or more. The fun of sliding along 20 yards a second can be imagined. Skiing cannot for a moment compare with ski running.

—Philadelphia Press.

BITS ABOUT THE BOXERS.

It is said in England that Jabez White is a coming champion bantamweight. He is stocky in build, is a hard hitter and has a clever head.

Tom Causser, the Englishman, has expressed his willingness to accept Spike Sullivan's proposition to box 20 rounds with any man in England for \$2,500 a side.

Jimmy Barry, who is at Chicago, says that he will be ready to fight anybody of his weight by March. Barry, it is said, wants "Parson" Davies to take him to England to meet "Pedlar" Palmer.

Jack Roche of Canada, who is regarded as a clever 125 pounder, is ready to meet any man of his weight in the business. The Olympic club of Toronto is prepared to give a purse for a bout between Jack Downey and Roche.

Stanton Abbott, the English lightweight, has quit the ring and is in business at Providence. Abbott is one of the few boxers who were always ready to box, and he must have figured in fully 300 contests since arriving in America.

Charley Mitchell cabled to The Police Gazette recently that he has no intention of fighting any more. He says, however, that he will back Dick O'Brien against McCoy for \$5,000 in a finish contest for the middleweight championship.

COULD EAT ONLY SOUP

A Grand Stomach Tonic—Dyspepsia and Dizziness Cured.

"I had dyspepsia and could hardly eat anything except soup or food in liquid form. When I finished a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla my stomach would bear substantial food and I have had no trouble from dyspepsia since. I was also troubled with dizzy spells, and Hood's Sarsaparilla always afforded relief." Mrs. MARY J. JUDKINS, 101 Central St., Peabody, Mass.

Hood's Pills act easily, promptly and effectively. 25 cents.

Boston & Albany Railroad.

Trains leave North Adams daily except Sunday, for Pittsfield and intermediate stations at 6:20, 8:25 a.m., 12:15, 3:00, 6:05 p.m. Connecting at Pittsfield with Westfield, Springfield, Worcester, and Boston, also for New York, Albany, and the West. Timetables and further particulars may be had of

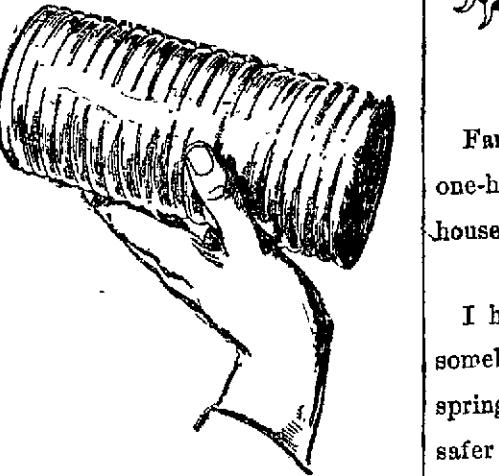
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WHITE.

HAS had the largest Christmas sale in all his experience and still has a fine selection of Watches, Clocks, Rings, Jewelry, Sterling Goods and Diamonds, that he will close out quickly at almost your own price, and many goods below cost.

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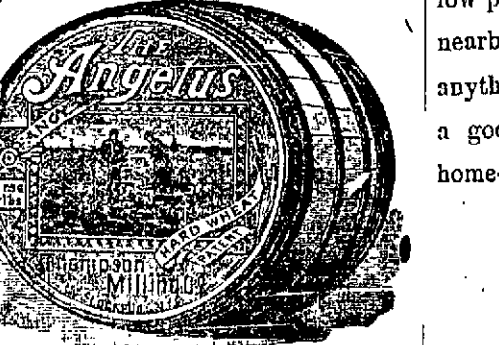
Crimped Crust Bread.



Baked in a sealed pan which retains all the aroma and uniformity in the wheat. Easily digested. For sale by all grocers. Manufactured by

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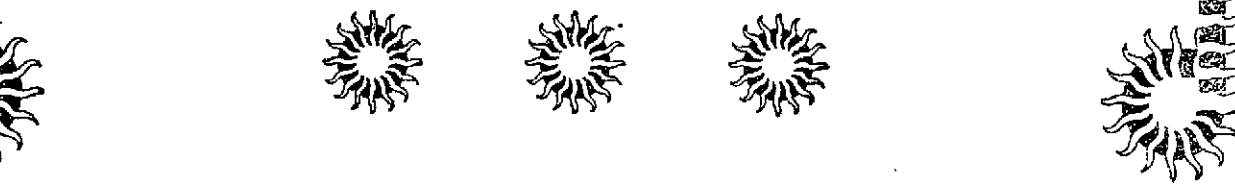
THE CAREFUL HOUSEWIFE WILL USE NO OTHER.

Their name is Legion

Meaning the money-makers in North Adams REAL ESTATE for the past 25 years, say. The losers? Well, they are hard to find. Money is made in real estate by buying and selling, not by wishing you had bought and sold. Moral—BUY AND SELL.

Alford

Wants to hear from buyers, sellers and builders and wants EVERYBODY to watch this advertisement, as it may be a source of mutual profit.



A large, new double-house, 7 rooms each, modern, up to date, well located.

A new 10 room house, 8 minutes from postoffice, well built, in good repair, modern improvements, Simmons boiler. Will sell for \$4,000.

A neat little cottage of six rooms, in good location, \$2,400.

Another 10 per cent. investment in choice tenement property. Worth looking into.

A large double house, with vacant lot adjoining. Will be sold separately or together. Bargain.

A large double tenement house in

good condition, 5 minutes' walk from Main street, \$6,000.

A seven-room house with large lot. Cheap at \$2,750.

Three-tenement house in good neighborhood, large lot, \$3,500.

A fine building lot, 66 ft front by 150 ft deep

A double tenement house that rents for \$19.00 per month that can be bought for \$2,500.

A nine room house on the line of the electric railway, west, small barn, one acre of land \$3,000.

A choice piece of residence property in the fifth ward, large house,

pleasant surroundings. Not many of this kind for sale, \$9,000.

\$5,000. for a modern 8 room house in the Normal School district, hot air, Lot 66 x 182.

Another one that I can sell for \$4,700, has 8 rooms and bath, heated by hot air. Lot 57 x 186.

A small house on the line of the electric road, South, about one-half acre of land, \$1,500.

A farm of about 100 acres on the "Notch Road," one-half timber, balance meadow and pasture. No house, one barn, \$1,800.

"THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST."

West End Park Lots Are Not Only the Best, But the Cheapest.

There is abundant proof for this statement without saying another word, except to give the price, and that I am always glad to do.

Farm of fifty acres, about two and one-half miles from North Adams, house 12 rooms, \$3,000.

I have one nice near-by lot that somebody will be sure to want this spring, but it will be a great deal safer to buy it now if you are looking for that sort of a purchase. It is 65 feet front by 140 feet deep, and can be bought for \$2500.

There are still remaining on Richmond Hill, some very desirable lots which will be sold as heretofore at low prices and on easy terms. For nearby lots these are cheaper than anything in the city, and will prove a good investment for the modest home-builder, \$300, 400 and 500.

The lots on the Sherman property, on the line of the electric road, west, are for many reasons considered very choice. They are on high ground, facing south, affording one of the finest views in this valley, and are large, being 75x200. There are five lots remaining on the north side of the street, five having already been sold.

There are twenty lots on what is known as the Harlow Green property on West Main street, opposite the Fair Grounds. \$350 buys a good one.

On the new State Road, opposite the Brayton school, there are some very desirable low price lots, as well as on West Main street, adjoining Brown & O'Connor's store. Plans and prices on application.

A new 2-tenement house, rents for \$16.50 per month and the price is \$1,900. This property can be bought on easy terms if desired.

A double tenement house in good location easily worth \$3,500 and I will sell it at that figure.

This is a good column for real estate owners to advertise in if they have property for sale. Let me know your wants and I will advertise them.

I represent the American Fire Insurance company of Boston, one of the oldest and best of Massachusetts companies. Prompt adjustment of losses guaranteed.

ALFORD, Real Estate and Insurance. 90 Main Street. Money to loan on Real Estate. First Mortgage Only.

Fitchburg Railroad.
Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.
Trains leave North Adams going East—11.37, 12.16, 7.23, 8.43, a. m., 12.40, 4.51, 5.56, 6.50, p. m.
Going West—7.20, 10.08, a. m., 12.20, 1.34, 5.00, 12.05, 11.46, 12.39, 7.40 p. m.
Train arrive from East—10.03, a. m., 12.10, 1.24, 5.50, 12.05, 11.46, 12.39 p. m.
From West—11.37, 12.16, 7.23, 8.43, a. m., 12.40, 4.51, 5.56, 6.50, p. m.
Run Daily, except Monday.
Run Daily, Sunday included.
Sunday only.

New York Central R. R.
HARLEM DIVISION.
Leave North Adams via R. & A. R. R. for New York City 8.20 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 11.51 a. m.; leave North Adams 9.25 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 12.35 p. m.; leave North Adams 3.00 p. m.; arrive N. Y. City 6.35 p. m.; Sunday train leaves North Adams 1.30 p. m.; arrive N. Y. City 8.20 p. m.
Fast Pittsfield and North Adams special trains leave N. Y. City at 9.10 a. m. and 3.25 p. m., daily except Sundays, arriving in North Adams at 12.35 p. m. and 5.50 p. m. Sunday trains leave N. Y. City at 9.10 a. m. arrive North Adams 4.20 p. m. F. J. Wolpe, General Agent, Albany, N. Y.
November 21, 1897.

Boston & Maine Railroad.
AT GREENFIELD.
For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6.30, 7.10, 10.05, 11.15 a. m., 1.05, 3.02, 4.12, 5.30 p. m. Sundays 6.30, 8.46 a. m., 1.05, 3.02, 4.12, 5.30 p. m. For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6.30, 7.10, 10.05, 11.15 a. m., 1.05, 3.02, 4.12, 5.30 p. m. For South Vernon Junction, 8.52, 10.22 a. m., 1.22, 3.50, 4.51, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.50 a. m., 9.15 p. m.
For Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Windsor, 10.22 a. m., 1.22, 4.51, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.50 a. m., 9.15 p. m.
For stations between White River Junction and Lyndonville, 10.22 a. m., 1.22, 9.15 p. m. For Newport and Sherbrooke, 10.22 a. m., 9.15 p. m.

Stages.
NORTH ADAMS AND READSBORO.
THOMAS H. SULLIVAN, Proprietor.
Leave Post Office, North Adams 1.30 p. m.
Leave Post Office, Readsboro, 8 a. m.

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Printing at THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE
at prices paid elsewhere for poorer work.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Mrs. Timothy H. Reardon was taken to the insane asylum at Northampton today by Sheriff Frink.
—The first Catholic services were held at the Pittsfield Jail Sunday, in accordance with the rule recently made.
—In spite of the good sleighing in most places the state road between Rand & Son's brickyard and S. H. Phelps' place is reported to be entirely bare.
—A series of revival services to continue two weeks was begun at the Rescue mission Saturday night. They are led by Mrs. E. E. Towles of Pownall, Vt.
—The condition of Mrs. W. H. Gaylord was reported this noon to be practically unchanged with the exception of the fact that she is constantly growing weaker.
—At a meeting of the Knights of Columbus held Sunday the various ball committees made reports and everything points favorably for a very successful event.
—The funeral of Mrs. Frederick H. Comb was held at the Congregational chapel this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Tenney.
—Miss Mary A. Quinn, who has been teaching in Williamstown for several years, began her duties this morning as teacher of the eighth grade in Drury academy.
—The inventory of the estate of the late Jeremiah Broderick of this city was filed at Pittsfield Saturday. He had real estate valued at \$13,000 and personal property at \$324.
—The election of officers of the ladies' auxiliary of the Caledonian club will take place at the regular meeting tomorrow evening at 8. Every member is requested to be present.
—There were five services at St. John's yesterday, including the Sunday school service, Rev. F. W. Tomkins, Jr., speaking to large audiences.
—The annual sugar-eat of the Stamford Baptist church will be held next Friday evening, and the members of the Baptist church of this city have been invited. If the sleighing is good a large party will go from here.
—Rev. J. J. Donnelly at St. Francis church Sunday preached a remarkably strong sermon on "The Holy Family," bringing out Christ's spiritual and domestic relation to his parents clearly and instructively.
—There will be considerable local interest in the celebration at Springfield Sunday of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beaven, parents of Bishop Thomas D. Beaven of this diocese.
—The F. M. T. A. society expects Rev. Fr. McGillicuddy of Worcester to deliver a temperance address in Columbia office house some time next month. The date talked of is February 2, but it has not been fixed.
—The Allen May Novelty company booked for the Columbia theater Saturday failed to appear, and word was received that on account of poor business the company had disbanded, after only a few days on the road.
—The Father Mathew society will hold a smoke talk Tuesday evening, February 1. The meeting held by the society last evening was very largely attended and also very interesting. The temperance rally will be held in about two weeks.
—The hand ball match arranged to take place at the Dry club's rooms Sunday was postponed. North Adams was to have played Pittsfield but the police told the local contestants that it was against the city ordinances and could not be played. The match will probably take place later.
—Elder L. P. Baker preached his farewell sermon at the Advent church Sunday, and will leave the city during the coming week. The church will have services each Sunday in the future, however, arrangements having been made for supplies.
—A 40-hours devotion will begin at St. Francis church tomorrow morning with high mass of exposition at 9 o'clock. There will be a preparatory sermon this evening at 7.30 o'clock. Masses will be said Wednesday at 5, 7, and 8 o'clock, and Thursday at 5, 7, and 8 o'clock.

—H. W. Clark & Co. received a car load of oranges direct from Los Angeles, Cal., a few days ago. The car contained 334 boxes and it was the largest single shipment of oranges ever received in Berkshire county. Another car load will be received in about 10 days.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
Miss Florence Fillebrown passed Sunday with friends in Pittsfield.
D. J. Lawler left this morning for New York, where he will spend a few months visiting friends and relatives.
Mrs. A. E. Richmond is with friends in New York.
Cashier E. S. Wilkinson of the Adams National Bank is in New York on business for a week.
Miss Laura P. Griswold has returned to 20 Summer street after a two weeks' visit at her home in Saratoga.
Miss Mae Congdon of Ashland street spent Sunday in Pittsfield.
Miss Cella Boland is visiting Pittsfield friends.
Miss Bertha Mitchell is visiting friends in Waterford, N. Y.

Requiescat in Pace.
WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to suddenly remove from among us our dear friend and associate, Richard Walz, treasurer of the Mannesmann Tube Co., and
WHEREAS, Mr. Walz during the past year in which he has made Zylonite his home, has become endeared to us all by his sterling qualities of honesty, geniality and kind-heartedness, and
WHEREAS, His heroic action in endeavoring to save the life of our unfortunate townsman, Mary Dalton, at the risk of his own, resulting in his own death, has set an example worthy of the emulation of all mankind, and
WHEREAS, We, his fellow townsmen wish to bear witness to our sincere regret, at our own loss, and at his untimely end, and
WHEREAS, We also desire to testify to our heartfelt sympathy with his bereaved family in this, their hour of trial, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the newspapers of Berkshire county, and this expression of affectionate regard and deep sympathy be sent to his family.
CITIZENS OF ZYLONITE.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Fowls should not be killed for 24 hours after feeding.
The Langshan has a turnkeylike carcase and little offal.
Fowls should have a dust bath in which they can fluster at will.
If the chickens are kept growing, they must have plenty of food.
Vertigo in fowls arises from a disordered state of the digestive organs.
If clover is fed to poultry, it should always be cut into short pieces.
No matter how many times a day the poultry are fed, feed regularly.
Fowls are so provided that they can grind any kind of food in eating.
By using a full blooded male improvement of poultry can be made very cheaply.
A failure to supply plenty of grit will often cause indigestion and bowel troubles.
Feed good clean food and just enough to keep the fowls in good health and condition.
One of the best materials to use as a danderizer is road dust, especially on the floor.
If a fowl becomes sick, separate it from the others, as the disease may be contagious.
During winter whole corn should be given just before the fowls go to roost at night.
The roosting places demand three things—cleanliness, good ventilation and good drainage.
Ducks require more animal food than chickens, especially when they are laying regularly.
Oils the roosts and their supports every two or three weeks with kerosene or crude petroleum.
The gander may be known by having a thicker neck than the goose, while his voice is shriller.—St. Louis Republic.

THE KINETOSCOPE.
The stomach may not be a vital organ. It is a vital organ, though.—Boston Globe.
The mortality rate among New Year's resolutions is increasing.—Philadelphia Record.
All the reports from Dawson City tell of plenty, some of plenty of food and others of plenty of hunger.—Kansas Journal.
The threat of a revolution in Salvador is the first intimation we have received that there wasn't one in progress.—Detroit News.
Some men prefer publicity to profit. The artist who engraved that admirable counterfeit of the \$100 silver certificate does not.—Philadelphia Ledger.
The Louisville Courier-Journal says, "Let us annex Ireland." But why should we annex Ireland when we have the Irish with us already?—Chicago Tribune.
An Arkansas man was lynched for stealing a hog. This is horrible. A man who steals an Arkansas hog should not be killed. He belongs in the lunatic asylum.—Galveston News.
Young Mr. Edison thinks he has discovered that "the head expands whenever one thinks intently." Probably this accounts for the intensity of one's thoughts the morning after the banquet.—Oswego Times.
Minnesota's practical law for the encouragement of tree planting is worth attention in other states. Nearly 10,000 acres were planted with young saplings in Minnesota last year.—St. Louis Globe.

Capturing a Shadow.
To grasp a thing impalpable and hold it was once considered an impossibility. But now it is nothing for Ward to capture a fleeting shadow in bold relief, with his improved slant light and chain it down forever. Photograph studio, No. 4 Spring street, one door west from Church street.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?
A Local Occurrence That Will Interest Many Readers in North Adams.
If, when a fog horn warns the mariner to sheer off the coast, he still hugs the shore and wrecks upon it, whose fault is it? If the red switch light is up and the engine driver pulls ahead and pitches into another train, blame the driver. If a careless workman in spite of warning try to find out how many teeth a buzz saw has, and the saw tries to find out how many fingers the workman has, blame the workman, not the saw. If a sick man knows that a certain medicine is doing him good, and he carelessly neglects to use it, blame the man, not the medicine. If North Adams people who have kidney complaint and backache, will not take Doan's Kidney Pills when they are incited by scores of citizens, blame the people, not the indorsees. Read this indorsement:
Mr. John W. Sargent, of 619 Main street, says: "You can use my name for all that it is worth in declaring Doan's Kidney Pills good for backache and other kidney trouble. I made the mistake of taking only three a day instead of the prescribed dose, but all the same they drove away the urinary trouble and my back stopped aching. For over five years I had some thing wrong with my kidneys. It took me right over the hips and in the small of the back and extended to the front of the abdomen. I thought and think so still that the distress in front was owing more to the stomach than the kidneys. I also suffered much from dizziness and I was much annoyed by a desire to urinate frequently. If I sat for a time, to get up and walk away would give me excruciating acute pain in the small of the back. It stuck right to me and nothing even made an impression on it until I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Burlingame & Darby's drug store. They did help me. I found one box greater relief than I had obtained in all my former doctoring.
For sale by all dealers—price 50 cents Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.
Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

To Cure Consumption Forever.
Take Cascarella's Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.
No-To-Bac For Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.
They Don't Take Cold.
The entrance to Ward's new gallery at 4 Spring street is on the ground floor and opens into a large specimen hall containing steam heat and the little darlings can be wheeled right into the hall before their wraps are removed.
Have your picture taken at 16 State St. Only 5 cents.
Hot waffles, piping hot with maple syrup, at Hosford's Day and night.
Best coal, fresh supplies received every day. Orders promptly filled. Call, write or telephone F. W. Richmond's coal and wood office.

Procrastination
is the thief of profits. Day after day it steals the profits of the man who waits until tomorrow to advertise. The TRANSCRIPT reaches people who have money to spend. It is the Home Paper of North Adams.
NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been only a pointed administrator of the estate of Edwin R. Atwood, late of North Adams, in the County of Berkshire, deceased. Intestate and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the subscriber.
GEORGE BLANSHIAN, Adm.
January 11th, 1898.

BERKSHIRE LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The Figures Show a Very Satisfactory Increase in Business.
The annual meeting of the Berkshire Life Insurance company, of Pittsfield, was held on Thursday and the old board of officers was re-elected: William R. Plunkett, president; James M. Barker, vice-president; James W. Hull, secretary and treasurer.
The year's business has been very satisfactory and the results cannot fail to be gratifying to all interested. The receipts were \$2,142,339.30. The assets are now \$3,159,480 and the surplus, over the legal reserve and all other liabilities, is \$774,612. There are 17,533 policies in force, which represents quite a population interested in the Berkshire's success. The death claims paid during the year amounted to \$453,646; endowments, \$50,230; dividends, \$238,928. Every liability during the year has been promptly paid in full, and the directors say: "The assets of the company are safely invested and its assured income, and surplus sufficient for safety, fully insure prompt payments for the future, and the company's reputation for the forty-seven years of its existence warrant the board in claiming for it the fullest confidence of its members." The Berkshire may not be as big as some of the others but it is as good as the best.
Annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1897:

RECEIPTS.	
From premiums,	\$1,709,941.57
From interest and rents,	342,397.93
	\$2,142,339.30
DISBURSEMENTS.	
For death claims,	\$453,646.00
For matured endowments,	50,230.00
For dividends,	238,928.69
For surrendered policies and additions,	354,745.56
	\$1,157,580.55
Taxes, fees, printing, salaries, commissions, and other expenditures,	
Re-insurance,	\$380,939.40
	19,816.55
	\$400,806.85
ASSETS.	
Stocks and Bonds, market value,	\$1,230,619.18
Mortgage loans, first liens,	5,147,105.89
Loans on approved collateral,	315,959.11
Real estate,	578,226.88
Premium notes on policies in force,	103,781.93
Cash in banks and office,	410,523.92
Net premiums in course of collection,	52,505.57
Net deferred quarterly and semi-annual premiums,	125,570.30
Interest accrued,	15,127.73
	\$3,159,480.51
LIABILITIES.	
Reserve Massachusetts Standard,	\$7,331,715.00
All other liabilities,	53,153.44
Surplus,	74,612.07
	\$8,159,480.51

IN OLDEN TIMES
People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

The Passion Play Pictures.
The reproduction of the "Passion Play" can be seen at 16 State street. Afternoon representations commenced today and continue afternoon and evening during the week. These pictures are, of course, accurate reproductions of the "Passion Play," as given in the depths of the Bohemian forest of Ober-Ammergau by the peasants of that village. The first of the pictures shows the Nativity and the Star of Bethlehem with all the naturalness of nature. The first six lead up to the beginning of the 18 tableaux which are then given. The earnestness and piety of the actors is strongly shown by their complete unconsciousness and absolute absence of reverence in any form. Words cannot describe the effect and the fascination that the silent figures of the pictures exert. The fascination exists, the impression is profound and the influence they exert is deep and bound to be for the best. They are given in absolute silence, the admiration being sufficiently intense to cause this effect. Clergymen of all denominations have witnessed the pictures and have been frank and outspoken in their praise. Too much cannot be said regarding the good that must necessarily be performed by these representations. The pictures are so grand, so beautiful and sublime that no words can do them justice. Many people offer 25 and 50 cents after seeing them. The management will accept but 10 cents, and then only after you have seen them. They were arranged by Mr. Edison, the wizard of Menlo park, the monster mind of the world in electricity.

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WILL NEVER DO IT. If you've promised yourself some photographs, start tomorrow—not next week—for

COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE.

Thursday, January 27.
The greatest comedy success from Hoyt's Madison Square Theatre, New York.
"OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY"
Was written to cause laughter.
Hennessy Leroy
Was born to create laughter.
And there you have it.
PRICES—35—50—75.
Seats on sale at Bartlett's drug store.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Berkshire ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Richard J. Dunn, late of Berkshire, in said County of Berkshire, deceased, intestate.
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Francis A. Marth, of said Berkshire, or to some other suitable person, and are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Pittsfield, in said County of Berkshire, on the first day of February, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is thereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in North Adams, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
FRED R. SHAW, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Berkshire ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of Mary J. Maynard, late of Williamstown, in said County, deceased.
Whereas, Bushnell Danforth and Caroline M. Danforth, late executors of the will of Keyes Danforth, deceased, trustee under the will of said Mary J. Maynard, have presented for allowance the final account of said Keyes Danforth as such trustee.
You are hereby cited to appear at a probate Court to be held at Pittsfield, in said County, on the first day of February, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
And said executors are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, or by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
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BASEBALL NOTES.

The receipts of the All American-Batizcoro trip were \$19,000.

Ellsworth Cunningham, the Louisville pitcher, has been pitching since 1885.

Cadywalder, the big Yale football player, has taken up pitching and shows considerable ability.

The famous Temple cup has at last reached its donor, W. C. Temple of Pittsburgh, who, it is said, will present it to a club in the Snooky City.

Tot Murphy is coaching some 80 University of Pennsylvania candidates for the place of manager of that team.

Chris Von der Ahe says he made the mistake of his life when he failed to take Tom Loftis' advice and sign Pat Tebeau when the latter was a member of the St. Joe club in the eighties. Loftis predicted at that time that Tebeau would make a star some day.

European Horse Business.
Government support cuts a big feature in the horse business of the European countries. During the past year the sum appropriated in France to aid the horse breeders amounted to \$485,750, consisting of a large grant made to help the breeders in Algeria. In Germany the appropriation amounted to \$984,000, in Austria to \$850,000 and in Hungary to \$165,000. The French government, in addition to the above figure, also expended about \$500,000 in premiums at shows and exhibitions.—*Boston Herald.*

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I am now in my 37th year, having suffered with deafness and tinnitus for over 10 years, brought on by Catarrh. My hearing has been fully restored after 7 months use of the Myron Catarrh Cure. I have many of friend who are blind cured, who was deaf 20 years, encouraging me to try cure myself. I no longer fear my joy and gratitude. Yours truly,

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in six months :

DEAF 30 YEARS
As Field of Vision
lost, I began to read
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stored and ridding me of those terrible
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verse with any one. I was afflicted with
Cataract from a child, and 30 years ago
noticed a slight blindness which kept
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use your Phosphor-Genus Ear Treatment has ef-
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three different sittings as incurable. In a little
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me to perfect hearing. I am entirely
of the notes and catches. Truly yours,
-WATKIN PRICE-

THE SPORTING WORLD

A WEALTHY PATRON OF POPULAR SPORT.

Banker August Belmont of the American Kennel Club and Jockey Club—His Success on the Turf.

To some men is given the ability to command in many directions, and when such a man is found he is one of great capacity and of exceptional judgment. Such a one is Mr. August Belmont of New York, a financier of eminence, where the keenest wits alone can keep a man in the front rank, and in addition to that he is at the head of the Jockey club and also the American



cured by Mr. Belmont, but neither of the sires was up to the necessary standard, so when the late William L. Scott's imported St. Leger winner Rayon d'Or was disposed of he was bought for the Nursery farm. This famous French horse had a vile temper, and this he transmitted to his get, the speediest ones also excelling in bad temper. Unreliability was also a feature of the Rayon d'Ors; hence it is not a matter for much regret that he died about 18 months ago. What is hoped to be a more worthy successor to St. Blaise is the American bred race horse Henry of Navarre.

In other branches of sport Mr. Belmont is well known, though not outside of his intimate friends. As a pupil of Professor Donovan of the New York Athletic club Mr. Belmont might have taken high rank had he so pleased, but athletic honors of that kind were not his mark. Later on he was the president of that club at a time when the Manhattan Athletic club was its dangerous rival and Mr. George Gould was

INDOOR SPORT FOR ATHLETIC EXERCISE.

The Promising Future of Basket Ball—Rules of the Game—Points on Hockey and Polo.

The difficulty of providing an athletic exercise which combines all the best forms of athletics has undoubtedly been solved. What was wanted was a game which could be played in a limited indoor space and yet would afford room for the necessary display of activity which is usually associated with outdoor sports. The game of basket ball undoubtedly fills the requirements in a marked degree. For years it has been rather looked down upon as something akin to croquet for those who had not had the opportunity to note its merits, but now that it has been taken under the wing of some of the leading colleges and many athletic clubs it has become recognized by the Amateur Athletic union and has assumed a very dif-

ferent footing from when it was only played by branches of the Young Men's Christian association in the larger cities.

The great claim for the future of basket ball lies in the fact that there is hardly any town where a suitable building cannot be secured for the purpose of a club to play the game. Unlike the rules of most sports in which a limit is named as the minimum space on which the game can be played, the rules of basket ball name the maximum space, and anything less will do. There is no elaborate paraphernalia needed, merely a ball and two net bags fixed ten feet above the floor level at either end of the floor. As for the dress of the contestants, it is what one sees at athletic games—a jersey and loose knee pants of

action and most interesting to spectators. It is not alone as an attraction that its merits consist of, for 20 minutes of this kind of work with the men never for a moment still is exercise of the most invigorating kind. There are two halves, each of 20 minutes' time, and the test of endurance is quite as much as is necessary.

The play consists of throwing the ball to an unguarded partner, and for that reason it is necessary for the pairs of opponents to keep together so as to prevent this chance of an opponent getting the ball and a good chance to make a goal. It is impossible to tell how to play the game, and to learn that the only way is to see it played, and it is then plain enough. A guidebook has just been issued by Spalding's, edited by Dr. Gulick, who is a most enthusiastic supporter of the game, but no one who does not know the game can learn what it is or how it is to be played by this guide. For players it is very necessary, as the rules are many and have to be thoroughly learned.

The two winter games on the ice are hockey and polo. There is sufficient similarity between them to allow them to be described together. The goal is like those of lacrosse or association football, the ball in one case and the puck in the other having to be driven through between the goal posts. The play begins in the center, with a facing, as in lacrosse, and the wonder is that the players can become so skillful as to race and turn on their skates faster and with more ease than if on foot. These games are both most interesting and create excitement when two well matched teams meet. The requirements begin with the ice rink, so that it is a northern game. It needs more space than in basket ball, but rinks usually are of good size, so that is not an extra if one has a rink on which to play. In both games a crooked stick is used with which to propel the ball or flat puck. The latter is pushed along the ice, though that is more because it does not rise when struck so readily as the ball. Woollen clothing is necessary, for, although the exercise is hard, rinks are not particularly warm places, and colds must be guarded against.

BICYCLE SKATING A GROWING SPORT.

Bicycle skating may become as great a craze as roller skating has been in former years. The motion on cycle skates is said to have many of the features which have contributed to make cycling itself popular, and its greater ease of movement and the absence of much shock have placed the bicycle skate in a class much above the old roller.

Robert Reach, a Philadelphia resident who manufactures the new skate, says that the interest in the new sport is so great that constant inquiries arrive from all parts of this country and even from Canada. Speaking of the bicycle skate he says:

"Any one who can skate on ice can put them right on and start off. That is where the bicycle skate makes a great point. With the roller skate the best of ice skaters had to learn all over again. The difference of the skate above the floor causes the diameter of the wheels of the bicycle skate, it is true, would make the strain on the ankles and feet very severe, but it is overcome by scientifically lacing the skate to the foot, adding just enough support to overcome the strain, but not enough to make the skate bunglesome. English makers of cycle skates add weight and length to the skate by placing the foot below the axis of the wheels and extend wooden or iron braces to the knee, which makes the skate very cumbersome."

Mr. Reach further says that the bicycle skate may be used on good roads. No special floor will be needed in rinks, and no polishing of the floor even will be necessary. "You can skate to your office in the morning," says Mr. Reach, "just as you can come down on a bicycle. I have a proposition from a local telegraph office in one of our western cities to put their boys on cycle skates. Amateurs are good just the thing—and we have already had considerable correspondence with some very prominent regiments looking toward the formation of clubs or societies to use the floor on nights when there is no drill exercise. Among others, we have had an inquiry from members of the Seventh regiment of New York."

To Restrain Scorchers.
A Chicago man has devised a new method of restraining, if not quelling, scorchers. A new bicycle ordinance has been put in force in Morgan Park, a suburb of the Windy City, the last clause of which gives the police the

THE COMING WHIST CONGRESS.

The eighth annual congress of the American Whist league will be held in Boston next July, the exact dates to be fixed by the executive committee of the league at its midwinter meeting. The plan of the committee on tournament events contemplates 16 general contests, as follows:

First.—A contest for the Hamilton trophy for 1898-9, the preliminary play to occupy the afternoon and evening of Tuesday and to be played under the Howell system in two rounds, match scores to control position of teams, the teams having the eight aggregate highest scores to enter the finals, which are to be played in seven rounds, each team playing a match of 21 deals against each of the other seven, these matches to take place on the afternoons and evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the last round on Saturday afternoon.

Second.—A contest for the American Whist league trophy; play to occupy the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the Howell system to be used.

Third.—A contest for the Minneapolis trophy for club pairs, the preliminary rounds to occupy the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, play under the Mitchell system, with a redistribution of pairs after each round, scores to be reckoned by comparison with the average in each round and the results of the three rounds to be added, the eight pairs having the highest aggregate scores to enter the finals, the finals to be played in two rounds on the afternoons of Friday and Saturday under the Safford system.

Fourth.—A contest for the Brooklyn trophy for teams representing auxiliary associations, to be played on the afternoon and evening of Monday under the Narragansett system.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh.—Three progressive matches for fours, one under the Mitchell system, one under the Howell system and one under the Clay system.

Eighth to Fourteenth.—Seven progressive pair matches, four under the Mitchell system, two under the Howell system and one under the Safford system.

Fifteenth.—A match for pairs under the Howell system, open to the winning pairs in the progressive matches.

Sixteenth.—Progressive straight whist match.

NEW YORK TURF SCHEDULE FOR 1898.

The Greater New York is the center of sporting activity. Horsemen everywhere arrange their plans for a new year only after the racing dates for New York and vicinity have been agreed upon. Recently the question of dates for the New York racing associations was settled by the stewards of the Jockey club.

No important change in the schedule of last season was made. The first racing about New York will be at Aqueduct, but the real opening of the season will be at Morris Park, the change from the Gravesend track to Westchester for the beginning of the circuit of the big tracks made last year being so generally approved by turfmen that the new order is made permanent.

There has been much talk of the Jockey club's alleged injustice to the Brighton Beach and Saratoga Racing associations in the allotment of dates, but there appears to be no cause for complaint about the time given them in the 1898 schedule. Both tracks wanted clear dates, without opposition from nearby quarter; but as both race at the same season, some measure of conflict could not be prevented.

Aqueduct has been well provided for with dates for three short meetings. The remainder of the season is evenly distributed among the Westchester, Brooklyn and Sheepshead Bay tracks. In the matter of holidays, Brooklyn and Sheepshead Bay have fared the best.

The schedule is as follows:

SPRING MEETINGS.

Washington Jockey Club—April 11 to 22.

Queens County Jockey Club, Aqueduct—April 25 to May 5.

Brooklyn Jockey Club—May 7 to May 25.

Brooklyn Jockey Club—May 28 to June 16.

Concy Island Jockey Club—June 18 to July 4.

SUMMER MEETINGS.

Brighton Beach Racing Association—July 6 to Aug. 2.

Saratoga Racing Association—July 28 to Aug. 27.

Queens County Jockey Club—Aug. 18 to Aug. 29.

AUTUMN MEETINGS.

Concy Island Jockey Club—Aug. 23 to Sept. 10.

Brooklyn Jockey Club—Sept. 13 to Sept. 20.

Westchester Racing Association—Oct. 1 to Oct. 22.

Queens County Jockey Club—Oct. 24 to Nov. 8.

The dates are inclusive.

In the main there will be no deviation from the rule adopted on the more important tracks of racing not more than four days each week. Aqueduct, Brighton and Saratoga will race six days a week, as usual.

HEARD IN THE PADDOCK.

The Hubinger stable won \$15,000 in purses last year.

Roddy Patterson is now bookkeeping at Pittsburgh.

Sally Colfax, dam of R. B. P., 2:03 1/2, will be bred to Brown Wilkes.

Reilly Whitney, 2:27 1/2, by Whistling, is in foal to Daghestan, 2:23 1/2.

Village farm will send a number of horses to Italy to be disposed of at private sale.

The New York State Breeders' association has decided to offer large purses this year.

The Gold Leaf gelding Lazelle H. 2:24 1/2, was timed over a half milecourse in 2:19 1/2 last season.

Er. S. H. Fick of Albany has purchased Erik Wille, 3:16 1/2, from Jay Breese of Middletown, Pa.

Chenals, 2:07 1/2, who lowered the two mile racing record to 4:19 1/2, will be raced in the east this year.

THE BELMONT STOCK FARM.

Fennel club. What he is to the Jockey club, during his absence in England, things got to such a pass that the future of racing in New York state was in the greatest danger. The racing reports teemed with suggestions and even stronger comments regarding alleged frauds, and to such a pass had things come that the Jockey club's stewards were forced to undertake an investigation. What this investigation brought about was the disqualification of Riley Grattan and one or two others, but that was nothing to what Mr. Belmont accomplished in his quiet way on his return in putting a stop to the paper attacks. It did not take him long to realize where the trouble was located and that it was more the rivalry of reporters to pose an authorities and keen critics than any slump in turf morals.

A very short time after his return each turf reporter in New York received a note stating that Mr. Belmont would be pleased to have him come to the Jockey club rooms at stated hour, and as it was a personal matter a request was added that no notice be published of the meeting in advance. All except one or two were on hand at the time appointed, and on Mr. Belmont's arrival he at once began his talk, the gist of which was that unless the persistent attacks on the turf came to an end there would soon be an end of racing. He stated that it was impossible for horses to always run alike, that racing could not be reduced to a mathematical science and that that must be recognized without any loss of time. The result of this talk was instantaneous change in criticism, and all through the good judgment of Mr. Belmont, who knew that the best thing to be done was to apparently make each reporter his confidant in the matter and have him placed on a personal footing as regards the turf future.

In a similar manner the American Kennel club owes its permanent establishment to Mr. Belmont, for at a time when it was being made a target for lawsuits he assumed responsibility for all expenses in defending any and all suits brought against the club or its officers and thus saved the day. Mr. Belmont's first connection with sport was probably his exhibition of fox terriers, for he was one of the earliest to take up that breed in this country, being an exhibitor at one of the first shows in this country. He then dropped out, but only for a time, as about 15 years ago he again took them up and, making judicious purchases abroad, soon took the lead. Eventually he bred Belmont Victor II, pronounced to be one of the best terriers ever seen in this country. When any takes to horses to any extent, then every other fancy suffers, so that the advent of Mr. Belmont at the head of the Jockey club was the signal for his gradual withdrawal as a fox terrier exhibitor. The Kennel club, however, declined to ac-

cept his resignation of the presidency several years ago, and when anything important has to be straightened out his sound advice is always sought for. In addition to being an owner of race horses, Mr. Belmont has one of the most important breeding establishments in the country, the Nursery farm at Lexington, Ky. Mr. Belmont senior had one of the same name at Babylon for

many years, and when he finally realized that he was fighting additional odds in attempting to overcome the natural drawbacks of breeding and raising race horses on Long Island he removed his breeding farm to the newly purchased place at Lexington, which he also named the Nursery farm or stud, the Babylon one being kept as it is at present for the use of race horses. The Lexington farm is an exceptionally good one for even that section of famous breeding establishments. Like all of them, it has a splendid water supply, and the rolling surface is admirably adapted for the development of the young stock. Then, again, there are spacious pastures, well wooded for shade, where the blood mares can look after their foals in the heat of their first summer. Mr. Belmont senior had at the time of his death the greatest establishment not only in this country, but anywhere, if cash is to be the test for decision, for when the horses were sold in 1881, after his death, the sum of \$875,552 was realized. The feature of the sale was the great sire St. Blaise, for which Mr. Charles Reed gave \$200,000 to secure him for the Latvian stud, at Gallop, Tenn. The position of the Belmont stable at that time was an easy first, as the winnings for 1890 totaled \$171,350, and all by Nursery bred horses, credited \$89,946 credited to Roseland. The crops of the stable included Turfmac and Washer, first and second for the Futurity; La Tosca, the best of her sex

spoken of as its likely president. The danger being past, he dropped out of his place in athletics when there was no fight on hand in which he could show his power. In polo also Mr. Belmont was a leader in the days of the fierce rivalry between Rockaway and Hempstead, a rivalry which has not yet by any means ceased. His manner of getting the best of an opponent has been well illustrated in the recent tilt between the western turf congress and the Jockey club. The Jockey club had granted a license to the Baltimore Turf club to extend its meeting until the 4th of December, which is four days over the limit set by the western club for racing in the northern latitudes. When the time came for the western men's rule to go into effect, they made

ferent footing from when it was only played by branches of the Young Men's Christian association in the larger cities.

The great claim for the future of basket ball lies in the fact that there is hardly any town where a suitable building cannot be secured for the purpose of a club to play the game. Unlike the rules of most sports in which a limit is named as the minimum space on which the game can be played, the rules of basket ball name the maximum space, and anything less will do. There is no elaborate paraphernalia needed, merely a ball and two net bags fixed ten feet above the floor level at either end of the floor. As for the dress of the contestants, it is what one sees at athletic games—a jersey and loose knee pants of

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CRUSHED BY THE CARS. E. B. Elmore Seriously Hurt This Morning at Hoosac Tunnel Station. IS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. Slipped and Fell Between Freight Cars Which He Was Coupling. Internal Injuries Received. Brought to His Home in This City. E. B. Elmore, only son of Contractor D. W. Elmore and employed as a brakeman on the Fitchburg railroad, received injuries which it is thought will result fatally while coupling cars at Hoosac Tunnel station this morning. His companions did not know whether he slipped or was caught by an unexpected jerk of the train, but in one of these ways he came between the bumpers of two cars and received serious injuries in the region of the pelvis. The engine of the train was immediately uncoupled and attached to a caboose in which Elmore was brought to this city, getting here about 11 o'clock, an hour after the accident. The city ambulance was waiting at the station and took him to his home at 4 Porter street, where he was attended by Drs. Dewey and Rice. Elmore's injuries were internal, so that he did not suffer from loss of blood or loss consciousness. His strength failed rapidly and death was expected at almost any moment at the time of this writing. Mr. Elmore is 25 years old and unmarried. He attended Drury academy, going into railroad work afterward, which work he has been engaged in for five or six years. He was very popular among his fellow workmen and was regarded as a careful, steady man. TWO MORE LOCAL KLONDIKERS. James Ryan, Steward at The Wilson and Cornelius Murphy Start at Midnight. James Ryan, steward at The Wilson, and Cornelius Murphy, former proprietor of a pool room on Centre street, left on the midnight train for Klondike Sunday. Mr. Ryan has been steward at The Wilson for the past 12 years and has always been highly esteemed by his employers. He was a great lover of sport and was to have been one of the players in the hand ball match of North Adams against Pittsburgh. Mr. Murphy has conducted a pool room on Centre street for a number of years and he was Mr. Ryan's partner in all the principal hand ball matches. Neither man said much to their friends about going to the gold region until Sunday and Mr. Ryan did not tell his employers at The Wilson of his intentions until he gave up his key Sunday night. Both men are strong and rugged and will no doubt be able to stand the hardships in that country. More Illegal Liquor Selling. In court this morning Mrs. Nellie Peters pleaded guilty to illegal liquor keeping and the case was continued until January 31 for judgment. Saturday evening Captain Dineen with Officers Reagan, P. and Walsh visited the house of Mrs. Peters on Harris street and found four gallons of beer in 32 bottles, two lager beer cases and 16 empty bottles. Mrs. Harris was in the house at the time of the raid and with her was Miss Winnie Carpenter of Adams, who was arrested Sunday afternoon, charged with selling a bottle of beer to Emory Martin. She pleaded guilty and judgment was reserved until January 25. Joseph McNine, the boy who was arrested for assault with attempt to rape, was taken to an institute in Troy, N. Y., by State Agent Morton this morning. Patrick Dwyer pleaded guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace and was fined \$5 and Charles Stone on the same offense had his case continued until January 25. "Other People's Money." The only play at the Columbia theater this week will be "Other People's Money," which Hennessy LeRoy and his company will present Thursday evening. It is a comedy whose announced purpose is to make fun and laughter, and its record shows that it has succeeded. The plot is of a wealthy Chicago broker who refuses to allow his daughter to marry his clerk, but who by strategy is induced to assist the latter in winning "an heiress," whom he discovers too late is his own daughter. Tickets go on sale tomorrow morning. Death of Mrs. Phebe L. Smith. Mrs. Phebe L. Smith, an old resident of the city, died Sunday at the age 78 years. She had been a resident of North Adams for many years, having moved here from Williamstown. She was a member of the Methodist church and a true Christian woman. Her death will be mourned by many friends. The funeral will be held at the home of John Blood, 96 Church street, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. G. W. Brown officiating. Reopening of Inquest, Not Yet. The announcement made some time ago by THE TRANSCRIPT that the inquest on the Reed murder would be reopened was made by several papers Sunday and today. Judge Phelps, before whom the inquest will be held, confirmed the statement, but said that no time was set. Those who are working on the case have nothing definite enough to call for the reopening of the inquest at present, and there is no probability of its coming immediately. Will Not Build a Theater. A report has gained considerable currency on the street that P. J. Boland intended to erect a handsome theater building on State street, where the Bijou now stands. Mr. Boland says that this report is entirely unfounded, and that he has no such intention. He has not yet made any plans for a building there, but if he decides to use the land, will put up a block of stores or flats. Y. M. C. A. Notes. The boys' Bible class will meet this evening at 7 o'clock, the Banjo club will hold a rehearsal at 7.30, and meetings will be held at 8 o'clock by the joint committee on boys' work and the Bicycle club. 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CANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets CURE CONSTIPATION. 10c 25c 50c ALL DRUGGISTS. Among the Merchants. Fair guarantees perfection in repairing and pressing evening gowns and dress suits. Samuel Cully & Co.'s midwinter sale is continued through this week, with added interest in the prices and goods. A window full of rocking-chair bargains at J. H. Cody's is a sight to gladden slim pocketbooks. Crimped crust bread has plenty of crisp, sweet crust that makes it doubly nutritious. McNeill makes it. Jacket prices are tumbling at Tuttle & Bryant's to get ready for inventory February 1. BLACKINTON. John W. McGill of Belcher, N. Y., and Archie Luke of West Hebron, N. Y., returned to their home Saturday after a few days' visit in town as guests of Robert Rainey and family. Tickets for William Kinsey's benefit concert to be held next Friday evening are on sale at E. W. Blackinton's store. An athletic association in connection with the Father Mathew society was organized Friday evening and the following officers elected: President and manager, M. H. O'Brien; secretary, John H. Mahoney; advisory board, William Ganey, S. P. Galvin and M. J. Fleming. The association will have baseball, tug-of-war and athletic teams to represent the society at the various athletic meets during the coming summer. The reception in Temperance hall Friday evening given by a number of young society people of this locality added another to the list of successful social events of the season. A large number were present from out of town, among whom were Miss Louise Downen of Schaghticoke, N. Y., Mrs. Rena Downen of Adams, Miss Agnes Bell of Chatham, N. Y., Maud Simmons of Cohoes, and Messrs. Gay, Ely and McLean of Hoosick Falls, N. Y. Excellent music was furnished by the Messrs. Mansfield of North Adams, the program being made up of round dances. Mrs. J. P. Blackinton, Mrs. Charles E. Washburn and Mrs. R. E. Schouler were the patronesses. James B. Siner, representing the Factory Mutual Fire Insurance companies, was in town Friday on official business at the mill. The new Worthington steam pump was inspected and pronounced to be a great success. The Y. P. S. C. E. will attend in a body the quarterly meeting of the Greylock Union of Christian Endeavor societies to be held this evening at the Congregational church, North Adams. E. W. Blackinton, Frank Gove, W. S. Archer and D. J. Mahoney returned Saturday from a very successful fishing trip to Coosayna lake, N. Y. They caught 250 pounds of pickerel, one of them weighing 13 pounds. The Misses Mansfield of North Adams will furnish music for the Father Mathew Ladies' Aid social and oyster supper to be held in Temperance hall on Wednesday evening and John Muldowney will prompt. About 200 invitations have been sent out and the affair promises to be a very enjoyable one. Electric cars will be run after the social. Charles E. Washburn and daughter, Ella, returned Sunday from a few days' visit to New York city. Early churchgoers greatly appreciated the running of the snow plough Sunday morning by Edward Stone. James W. Maher, David Stack, Martin Ryan, Michael J. Fleming, William J. Mackey and J. H. Mahoney will represent the F. M. T. A. society at the coming county convention to be held in Temperance hall Sunday afternoon, February 3, at 2 o'clock.

Exhibition and Sale of... Turkish Rugs! Joseph Haddad has his rare collection of Genuine Turkish Rugs on exhibition at Samuel Cully & Co's basement salesroom, and asks the inspection of all interested. Patterns are the choicest and prices will be found entirely reasonable. W. J. Taylor. Boston Store. Ladies' Cotton Underwear AT LOWEST PRICES EVER QUOTED. Night Gowns, 39, 49 and 98. ...A BIG BARGAIN. Plain Corset Covers, 10c each. An elegant line at 25c, 37c, and 50c. Drawers fine muslin 25c, 37c and 50c. Plain or trimmed. We have sold a good many Ladies' and Men's Jackets, since marking them down to \$4.98. Original prices \$10 and \$12.50. The balance of stock must go at some price. Call and see them before they are all picked up. Boston Store. BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS.

CRUSHED BY THE CARS. E. B. Elmore Seriously Hurt This Morning at Hoosac Tunnel Station. IS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. Slipped and Fell Between Freight Cars Which He Was Coupling. Internal Injuries Received. Brought to His Home in This City. E. B. Elmore, only son of Contractor D. W. Elmore and employed as a brakeman on the Fitchburg railroad, received injuries which it is thought will result fatally while coupling cars at Hoosac Tunnel station this morning. His companions did not know whether he slipped or was caught by an unexpected jerk of the train, but in one of these ways he came between the bumpers of two cars and received serious injuries in the region of the pelvis. The engine of the train was immediately uncoupled and attached to a caboose in which Elmore was brought to this city, getting here about 11 o'clock, an hour after the accident. The city ambulance was waiting at the station and took him to his home at 4 Porter street, where he was attended by Drs. Dewey and Rice. Elmore's injuries were internal, so that he did not suffer from loss of blood or loss consciousness. His strength failed rapidly and death was expected at almost any moment at the time of this writing. Mr. Elmore is 25 years old and unmarried. He attended Drury academy, going into railroad work afterward, which work he has been engaged in for five or six years. He was very popular among his fellow workmen and was regarded as a careful, steady man. TWO MORE LOCAL KLONDIKERS. James Ryan, Steward at The Wilson and Cornelius Murphy Start at Midnight. James Ryan, steward at The Wilson, and Cornelius Murphy, former proprietor of a pool room on Centre street, left on the midnight train for Klondike Sunday. Mr. Ryan has been steward at The Wilson for the past 12 years and has always been highly esteemed by his employers. He was a great lover of sport and was to have been one of the players in the hand ball match of North Adams against Pittsburgh. Mr. Murphy has conducted a pool room on Centre street for a number of years and he was Mr. Ryan's partner in all the principal hand ball matches. Neither man said much to their friends about going to the gold region until Sunday and Mr. Ryan did not tell his employers at The Wilson of his intentions until he gave up his key Sunday night. Both men are strong and rugged and will no doubt be able to stand the hardships in that country. More Illegal Liquor Selling. In court this morning Mrs. Nellie Peters pleaded guilty to illegal liquor keeping and the case was continued until January 31 for judgment. Saturday evening Captain Dineen with Officers Reagan, P. and Walsh visited the house of Mrs. Peters on Harris street and found four gallons of beer in 32 bottles, two lager beer cases and 16 empty bottles. Mrs. Harris was in the house at the time of the raid and with her was Miss Winnie Carpenter of Adams, who was arrested Sunday afternoon, charged with selling a bottle of beer to Emory Martin. She pleaded guilty and judgment was reserved until January 25. Joseph McNine, the boy who was arrested for assault with attempt to rape, was taken to an institute in Troy, N. Y., by State Agent Morton this morning. Patrick Dwyer pleaded guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace and was fined \$5 and Charles Stone on the same offense had his case continued until January 25. "Other People's Money." The only play at the Columbia theater this week will be "Other People's Money," which Hennessy LeRoy and his company will present Thursday evening. It is a comedy whose announced purpose is to make fun and laughter, and its record shows that it has succeeded. The plot is of a wealthy Chicago broker who refuses to allow his daughter to marry his clerk, but who by strategy is induced to assist the latter in winning "an heiress," whom he discovers too late is his own daughter. Tickets go on sale tomorrow morning. Death of Mrs. Phebe L. Smith. Mrs. Phebe L. Smith, an old resident of the city, died Sunday at the age 78 years. She had been a resident of North Adams for many years, having moved here from Williamstown. She was a member of the Methodist church and a true Christian woman. Her death will be mourned by many friends. The funeral will be held at the home of John Blood, 96 Church street, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. G. W. Brown officiating. Reopening of Inquest, Not Yet. The announcement made some time ago by THE TRANSCRIPT that the inquest on the Reed murder would be reopened was made by several papers Sunday and today. Judge Phelps, before whom the inquest will be held, confirmed the statement, but said that no time was set. Those who are working on the case have nothing definite enough to call for the reopening of the inquest at present, and there is no probability of its coming immediately. Will Not Build a Theater. A report has gained considerable currency on the street that P. J. Boland intended to erect a handsome theater building on State street, where the Bijou now stands. Mr. Boland says that this report is entirely unfounded, and that he has no such intention. He has not yet made any plans for a building there, but if he decides to use the land, will put up a block of stores or flats. Y. M. C. A. Notes. The boys' Bible class will meet this evening at 7 o'clock, the Banjo club will hold a rehearsal at 7.30, and meetings will be held at 8 o'clock by the joint committee on boys' work and the Bicycle club. 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